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HANCOCK COUNTY HONORS THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
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The NAACP, Hancock County Branch on Monday hosted a celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at Valena C. Jones United Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis.

This year's theme was "All In" and the keynote speaker was Dr. Raymunda Barnes.

Hancock County NAACP President Goldie Fairconnetue welcomed everyone.

"MLK Day recognizes the life and legacy of Civil Rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.," she said. "MLK Day is also a national day of service where Americans volunteer and improve their communities."

Cheryl Thompson with Hancock County NAACP introduced Barnes.

He is a native of Biloxi, graduated from D'Iberville High School, and attended Alcorn State University, and earned his Master's Degree in education from William Carey University, and his Doctorate in education from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Barnes is also the pastor of St. John Baptist Church in Gulfport.

In 2022, Thompson said, Barnes was selected to serve as the vice-president of Pearl River Community College.

"His outpouring of service in the community has earned him several accolades," she said.

"For such a time as this, there's no one else I can think of to bring us not only words of encouragement and hope, but a call to action, thus the theme 'All In.' Dr. Barnes models Dr. King's vision of social justice."

Barnes spoke about what it means to be "All In."

"There are two ways of being united," he said. "One is being frozen together and the other is being melted together. And what America needs now, what Mississippi needs now, what Hancock County needs now, we need to be united."

Barnes quoted Dr. King, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."

"As we commemorate this Martin Luther King Day, we can look around and see that we still have a lot of work to do," Barnes said. "It's 2025, and you would think that marches and protests on Civil Rights issues would be a thing of the past, but politics and power is what got us to where we are today."

Barnes said that being "all in" means to be "completely committed."

"It means to push all your chips to the middle of the table," he said. "All in is more than a theme, more than a slogan. If Dr.

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"THE TIME IS ALWAYS RIGHT TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT."

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At top, Makesi "Keke" Willis performs a dance during the MLK celebration.

At middle, Dr. Raymunda Barnes served as the event's guest speaker.

At bottom, youth from Mt. Chapel Baptist Church in Waveland gave a presentation.



Hancock freezes in place after winter storm warning

BY GEOFF BELCHER
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Hancock County and the rest of the Mississippi Gulf Coast came to a virtual stand-still this week after predictions of a historic winter storm, with forecasts of sub-freezing temperatures and up to six inches of snow accumulation. All Hancock-area schools and all non-essential city and county offices were preemptively closed through Thursday.

"We want to keep as many people off the streets as possible," Bay St. Louis Chief Administrative Officer Michael Reso said Monday. "We're expecting snow and ice and slush and

people aren't used to driving in those conditions."

"Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) crews will closely monitor weather conditions and highways and bridges and be ready to respond as the winter weather moves in," according to an MDOT press release. "Motorists should remain cautious, especially on bridges and overpasses."

"Moderate and major travel impacts are expected. Snowfall accumu-

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Qualifying for Bay, DH municipal races ends next week

BY GEOFF BELCHER
PUBLISHER

Qualifying for the upcoming municipal elections in Bay St. Louis and Diamondhead ends next Friday, Jan. 31.

The current city elected official line-up in Bay St. Louis includes Mayor Mike Favre, Councilman-at-Large Gary Knoblock, Ward 1 Councilman Doug Seal, Ward 2 Councilman Gene Hoffman, Ward 3 Councilman Jeffrey Reed, Ward 4 Councilwoman Kyle Lewis, Ward 5 Linda Kay Davis, and Ward 6 Councilman Josh DeSalvo.

The current Diamondhead elected official line-up includes Mayor Nancy Depreo, Councilman-at-Large

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Today
43°

Low Temperature 30°F
No Chance of Rain
Humidity 63%

High Tide
12:42 am @ 1.44 ft
Low Tide
12:14 pm @ -0.3 ft



Jan. 24
49°

Low Temperature 30°F
No Chance of Rain
Humidity 75%

High Tide
01:08 am @ 1.21 ft
Low Tide
12:32 pm @ -0.1 ft



Jan. 25
54°

Low Temperature 35°F
No Chance of Rain
Humidity 74%

High Tide
01:17 am @ 0.95 ft
Low Tide
12:24 pm @ 0.13 ft



Jan. 26
61°

Low Temperature 52°F
No Chance of Rain
Humidity 87%

High Tide
12:10 am @ 0.69 ft
Low Tide
08:23 pm @ 0.62 ft



Jan. 27
64°

Low Temperature 57°F
No Chance of Rain
Humidity 87%

High Tide
06:48 pm @ 0.79 ft
Low Tide
06:23 am @ 0.3 ft



Jan. 28
67°

Low Temperature 61°F
No Chance of Rain
Humidity 86%

High Tide
06:35 pm @ 0.98 ft
Low Tide
05:24 am @ 0.07 ft



Jan. 29
60°

Low Temperature 52°F
85% Chance of Rain
Humidity 83%

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Coastal Communities to Welcome 30+ Authors for Third Annual HOMEGROWN Event

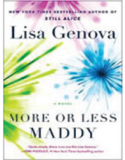
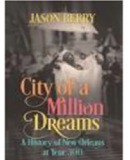
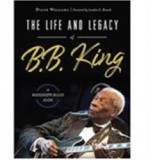
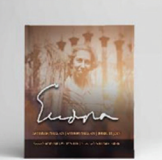
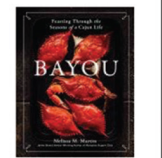
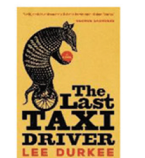
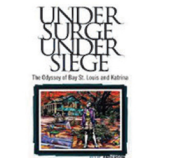
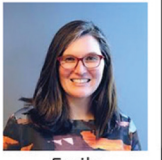
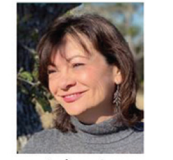
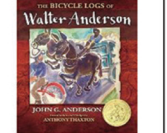
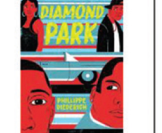
SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

The area’s literary elite, bookworm’s (avid readers!), storytellers, just plain regular folks, and aspiring writers are in for a treat that is not an exaggeration when you apply the description of “world class” to the event. Beginning with Simon & Schuster’s best-selling author, Lisa Genova, and her newest book, released on January 14th, amidst her national book tour, people will get a chance to hear first-hand **MORE OR LESS MADDY**, about a young woman recently diagnosed with bipolar disorder and having to grapple with its affects. Author Genova, a Harvard-educated neuroscientist by training, sprung into national prominence with her first novel, **STILL ALICE**, which was made into a hit film starring Julianne Moore, who won the best actor Academy Award for her role as a fifty-something professional woman wrestling with early Alzheimer’s. Genova’s book was one of two books selected for a community reading initiative that began last July in Diamondhead. According to Leah Holmes, branch manager of the East Hancock/Diamondhead library branch, this led to the publisher and author’s interest in Coastal Mississippi. Author Genova will be presented in **CONVERSATION** with another acclaimed author, Mississippi native Katy Simpson

Smith, who was recently awarded the adult fiction “Book of the Year” by the Mississippi Library Commission.

Not to be outdone by author Genova’s high profile and national prominence, more than 30 other authors – some of the finest and most talented from Mississippi, New Orleans, and points beyond – will participate in live, in-person discussions on their books and what inspires them to be writers. Last year, nearly 400 people attended the HOMEGROWN literary event after the Hancock County Library System teamed with its Harrison County counterpart to produce and present the full day that is free and open to the public. HOMEGROWN was created in November 2019, before COVID tabled plans to offer the annual Gulf Coast event with the talent to pull attendance from both the New Orleans and Mobile (AL) areas.

HOMEGROWN 2025 weaves a theme about “storytelling” through its various sessions according to Kevin Cole, who handles PR/Marketing for the library system. “Writers tell stories much of the time,” stated Cole. “And Mississippians are known to be great storytellers. One of the most widely known and award-winning professional storytellers, Diane Williams (Jackson, MS) will lead a panel that is made up of authors, a musician, and an artist/photographer in attempt

HOMEGROWN: A WRITERS EXCHANGE						
LIST OF AUTHORS ~ Saturday, February 1, 2025 @ USM Gulf Park Campus (Long Beach, MS)						
A FREE Day-Long Literary Arts Event, Open to the Public						
						
						
						
						
						
						

to present a multi-disciplinary program that cuts across a broad interest level. Margot Cooper (book: **DEEP INSIDE THE BLUES**), Dan Gutstein (book: **POOR GAL**), Karen Lewis, active in the Perkinson-based Living Tree Oral History Project, and Williams, will present a lively discussion that is sure to appeal to a broad range of literary fans. An authors panel that proved so popular last January that HOMEGROWN event organizers have decided to make it an annual feature of the HOMEGROWN event. The session entitled, **THE ART OF THE COOK-BOOK** will feature four authors/chefs and “foodies” whose books are

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MSDH Names New State Epidemiologist and Deputy

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The Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) has appointed Dr. Renia Dotson as the new State Epidemiologist.

As Director of the Center for Public Health Transformation, Dotson was already responsible for all clinical and field services throughout the state. Before coming to MSDH in 2024, she practiced as a colon and rec-

tal surgeon for 23 years, mainly at Delta Regional Medical Center, where she demonstrated clinical and administrative leadership as chief of staff, chief of surgery, and regional and institutional medical director of trauma. She currently serves on the Mississippi Board of Medical Licensure, the Mississippi Board of Nursing, the Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce Advisory Board, and the

Mississippi State Medical Association Board of Trustees. She is also chairman of the Board of Regents at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn.

Dotson, a native of Monroeville, Ala., earned a BS in Biology from the University of the South and MD from the University of South Alabama. She completed her surgery residency at Boston University Surgical Residency and fel-



Renia Dotson

lowship at the Colon and Rectal Clinic at the Uni-

versity of Texas Medical Center. She also earned a Master of Public Health (MPH) and MBA from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Theresa Kittle, an MSDH epidemiologist of 14 years, is the new Deputy State Epidemiologist. She has also served as Director of the Office of Epidemiology, where she administered the disease surveillance and electronic laboratory reporting (ELR)

systems. Kittle earned her BS in Clinical Laboratory Sciences from the University of South Alabama and worked as a medical technologist prior to earning her MPH with an emphasis in Epidemiology and Biostatistics from the University of Southern Mississippi.

“I’m very grateful that Dr. Dotson has agreed to

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Gerard Maher, Ward 1 Councilman Shane Finley, Ward 2 Councilwoman Anna Liese, Ward 3 Councilman John Cumberland and Ward 4 Councilman Austin Clark.

The election cycle for the 2025 Mississippi municipal elections began Jan. 1, 2025, in Bay St. Louis and Diamondhead. The primary elections will be held April 1, and the general elections are scheduled for June 3.

What, When and Where to File:
Qualifying as a Candidate for Party Nomination:

- 1) Qualifying Statement of Intent for a Candidate for Party Nomination and qualifying fee in the amount of ten dollars made payable to the appropriate Municipal Party Executive Committee must be filed with the Municipal Clerk’s Office no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, January 31, 2025.
- 2) Statement of Economic Interest within 15 days of qualifying with the Mississippi Ethics Commission, (601) 359-1285.

- 3) Required Campaign Finance Disclosure Reports filed with the Municipal Clerk’s Office by 5 p.m. on the applicable deadline(s).
- Campaign Finance Disclosure Reporting Forms are provided by the Municipal Clerk to candidates upon qualifying.
- The city of Waveland is not on the same election schedule because it was incorporated under a special charter.
- All candidates for the offices of mayor and city council must meet the following requirements to qualify for office:
- Qualified elector (reg-

- istered voter) of the State of Mississippi and in the municipality/ward of the office for which the candidate seeks election.
- Any candidate for any municipal office shall be a resident of the municipality for two years immediately preceding the day of the election.
 - Never have been convicted of bribery, perjury or other infamous crime, being defined as a crime punishable by a minimum of one year confinement in the state penitentiary, unless pardoned for the offense.
 - Never have been convict-

ed of a felony in a court of this state or, of a felony in a federal court, or of a crime in the court of another state which is a felony under the laws of this state, on or after Dec. 8, 1992; excluding, however, a conviction of manslaughter or a violation of the United States Internal Revenue Code or any violation of the tax laws of this state, unless the offense also involved the misuse or abuse of an office or money coming into a candidate’s hands by virtue of an office.

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especially popular. Malcolm White, former director of the Mississippi Arts Commission, and restaurateur/founder of the popular Hal & Mal’s restaurant in Jackson will moderate a panel comprised of Mellissa M. Martin (new cookbook, BAYOU), from Mosquito Supper Club (NOLA), Dale Gray, author of the popular SOUTH OF SOMEWHERE, which chronicles Gray’s travels as a foodie and resident of South Africa, South Korea, and now America’s South, having moved to Mississippi with her husband (formerly in the U.S. military) whom she met while living in South Korea. Gray’s blog following numbers in the hundreds of thousands. Author Matt Haines returns to the area with his comprehensive (and timely!) THE BIG BOOK OF KING CAKE, and popular author/chef and travel writer, Robert St. John (book: MISSISSIPPI MORNINGS) rounds out the stellar panel. Hancock County Library System executive director, John Brdecka noted that books by all of the participating authors will be available for sale. And authors will be available to sign/autograph their books for guests.

IN CONVERSATION sessions will also include a much anticipated hour-long discussion between New Orleans-based M.O. (Neal) Walsh, whose book, THE BIG DOOR PRIZE has recently inspired an Apple TV+ limited series that can now be view online, who will be talking with Beth Kander, a playwright and author of I MADE IT OUT OF CLAY, which was just published in December, and shot to the Amazon best sellers list amidst rave reviews. Walsh is the director of the Creative Writing Graduate Program at the University of New Orleans, while Kander has Mississippi

roots with in-laws from Ocean Springs, and serves as an adjunct faculty at the Mississippi University for Women in Columbus. Leah Holmes described the energy level and creativity of the two authors as “nothing but ‘off-the-charts positive!’ “

Acclaimed author and award-winner, New Orleans-based Jason Berry will discuss his book and accompanying documentary film entitled, CITY OF A MILLION DREAMS that is an historical look and assessment about NOLA’s vanishing tradition of the second-line funerals. Berry will be interviewed by area director of the 100 MEN HALL, Rachel Dangermond.

A very special and exclusive film screening of EUDORA, a documentary film, with companion book, by Mississippi filmmaker and author/artist Anthony Thaxton, which was premiered at the prestigious Mississippi Book Festival in September will be screened in the afternoon session of the HOMEGROWN 2025 event. An author “talk back” session will follow the film screening.

And of special interest to writers is a PUBLISHERS FORUM with four regional publishing companies fielding questions from those audience members interested in learning how to navigate and prepare for dealings and encounters with book publishers. Companies include the University Press of Mississippi (Jackson), Nautilus Publishing (Oxford), Pelican Publishing (NOLA), and Dogwood Press (MS).

Other author panels that are sure to please and offering something for everyone include: An IN CONVERSATION discussion with ROOTED online magazine publisher, Lauren Rhoades and author Lee Durkee (book: THE LAST TAXI DRIVER, and its sequel); plus a session entitled (re)VISITING KATRINA: YEAR 20 with a panel of authors who’ve written personal accounts inspired by

Gulf Coast experiences with Hurricane Katrina (2005). Moderated by Ground Zero Hurricane Museum director, Bernie Cullen, the panel includes, author Margaret McMullan (book: AF-TERMATH LOUNGE), journalist and photographer Ellis Anderson (book: UNDER SURGE, UNDER SEIGE), and Rob Gaudet, founder and author of CAJUN NAVY GROUND FORCE; and (re)INTRODUCING WALTER ANDERSON with panelists John Anderson (book: THE BICYCLE LOGS OF WALTER ANDERSON), Mary Anderson Pickard (book: ANDERSON’S ALICE), and Kendell Dunkleberg (book: BARRIER ISLAND SUITE), moderated by the director of the Walter Anderson Museum of Art, Julian Rankin.

Two young readers author panels will also be included. These are CHILDREN’S LITERATURE with authors, Marshall Ramsey (book: SAVING SAM! A BANJO THE DOG STORY), Bay St. Louis’s best-selling Amazon books author Natalie Guess (book: THE BIGGEST, THE OLDEST, THE STRONGEST), and Emily Liner (book: STRETCH LIKE SCARLET), with moderator and author Andrea Moreau, all of whom will offer insight and tips on writing for children. A young adult reader YA LITERATURE panel will feature Florida author Phillippe Diederich (book: DIAMOND PARK), Johnnie Bernhard (HANNAH & ARIELA), moderated by Tracy Carr.

The HOMEGROWN 2025 event is free and is open to the public. The event takes place on the University of Southern Mississippi’s GULF PARK CAMPUS in Long Beach. Doors open at 8:30 AM with the program beginning promptly at 9 AM. People can come and go throughout the day to sample sessions of most interest. The film screening of EUDORA is scheduled for 2:30 PM. The event

concludes at 5 PM. King Cake will be served as a refreshment, and onsite food service will be provided by 228COCINA catering.

The Hancock County Library System acknowledges the following entities for financially supporting the HOMEGROWN event: The Library Foundation of Hancock County; the

Mississippi Humanities Council; the Mississippi Arts Commission; COASTAL MISSISSIPPI for its travel & tourism support; and the O’Conner/McMullan Family Foundation. Special thanks and appreciation also go out to Pass Christian Books and to 301 EAST SCENIC in Pass Christian for book sales and special event

support.

Persons are encouraged to register online in advance of the February 1, 2025, event date. Space for some sessions is limited. To register and for more information, interested persons can go to: <https://hcls.info/homegrown>



MARDI GRAS 2025



THE SEA COAST ECHO

Mardi Gras may date back centuries, but each year there's always something new to see and discover. The Sea Coast Echo's "Mardi Gras 2025" special section will include all of the information you'll need to be a part of this year's festivities. We'll include parade dates and maps, safety tips, stories about the local history, traditions, themes and krewe culture, and much more.

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Opinion

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‘Theater of the absurd’

“The tools of conquest do not necessarily come with bombs and explosions and fallout. There are weapons that are simply thoughts, attitudes, prejudices to be found only in the minds of men. For the record, prejudices can kill, and suspicion can destroy, and a thoughtless frightened search for a scapegoat has a fallout all of its own for the children, and the children yet unborn. And the pity of it is that these things cannot be confined to the Twilight Zone,” “The Twilight Zone” - Season 1 Episode 22, “The Monsters are due on Maple Street.”

Rod Serling’s television show “The Twilight Zone,” for me, has always been synonymous with mind-bending and thought-provoking scenarios. Although there are many science fiction storylines throughout the seasons, there are so many situations that always seemed to me, in my sweet younger days of naivety, couldn’t possible happen in the real world.

But, alas, it seems many have viewed “The Twilight Zone” as more of a guidebook than a warning. The show holds a special place in my heart because it’s one of the things that my dad and I enjoy together. We also enjoyed discussing with our dear departed Millie.

I rewatched some more episodes over the New Year’s holiday and one of those was “The Monsters are Due on Maple Street” and it portrays such a truthful look at human nature.

It is set in a typical American suburb. But then, strange things start happening, including malfunctioning technology. Panic sets in the neighborhood and people start pointing fingers at who they think the monster or extraterrestrial being is. There really is no proof at all that it is the work of either one.

Well, even so, panic, fear, paranoia, and mob mentality sets in and soon it gets deadly.

It just goes to show how quickly things can escalate when people feed into their fears, rather than their rationality. It has happened, and continues to happen in the world today.

Maybe, instead of being accusatory about a problem, search for the truth instead of giving into irrational fears and prejudices.

This quote from the episode is just “chef’s kiss,” “They’ve found the enemy, and it is themselves.”

One of my all-time favorites episodes is “The



STAFF COLUMN
BY CASSANDRA FAVRE

Hancock History: Hospitals

In the 1920’s there were no hospitals in Hancock County. Poor patients who could travel were treated at Charity Hospital in New Orleans or in Gulfport. The International Order of the Kings Daughters and Sons established hospitals in Mississippi in Gulfport, Greenville, Yazoo City, and Brookhaven. In 1927, then Bay St. Louis “circle” of the Kings Daughters and Sons

established a small emergency hospital on the upper story of the house of Dr. D.H. (Holden) Ward, a local general practitioner. Shortly thereafter, a permanent site at 128 Carroll Avenue was purchased. This house was called the Kings Daughters and Sons Emergency Hospi-

tal (KDSEH). The layout of the hospital included ER/OR, X-ray, lab, six patient rooms, nursery, and kitchen. A balance sheet from 1941 demonstrated an annual operating budget of \$4,753.20.

By 1957, the annual budget had grown to approximately \$30,000.

A head nurse acted as administrator. Mrs. E.E. Craft held this post in the early years, but in 1943 Myrtle Santa Cruz took over this position. She ran KDSEH in Bay St. Louis until its closing in 1957. Afterwards, she purchased the Reed Hotel and managed it as a nursing home until 1982.

Dr. Marion J. Wolfe was Chief of Staff throughout most of this hospital’s existence. He prided himself as a surgeon and performed

many operations in the hospital. He also performed, if necessary or convenient, on the kitchen table in rural farmhouses. He often wondered why he had less post op complications such as infection under such primitive conditions than what he experienced with patients operated on at the hospital. One should remember our village could not acquire antibiotics like penicillin until after World War II. Many of the citizens today in our community from all walks of life were born in KDSEH.

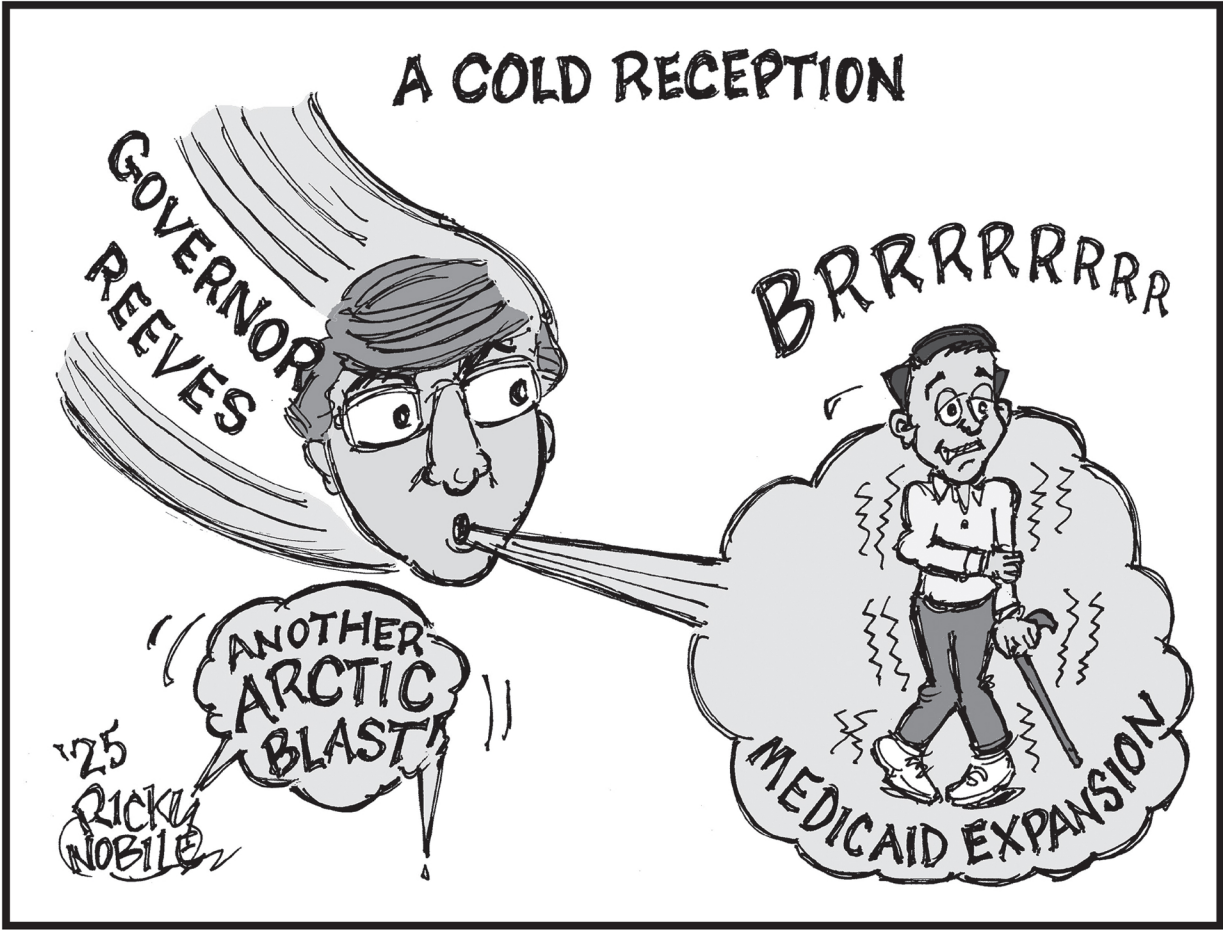
In 1947 the United States Congress passed the Hill-Burton Act which offered support and incentives such as financial aid for the establishment of commu-



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BY JAMES KEATING M.D.

nity hospitals all across the nation. The Hancock County Board of Supervisors under the able leadership of Manny Hubbard persuaded the voters to approve a bond issue to build a new, modern hospital on Dunbar Avenue. The new

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Conservation Corner: U.S. Navy: Stewards of the Sea

The U.S. Navy understands the potential effects of its actions on the environment. Its 900,000 sailors and civilians provide maritime defense, support combat operations, and provide disaster relief. They are environmental stewards of the sea.

The Navy’s environmental initiatives include safely disposing of waste and wastewater, reducing reliance on fossil fuels, protecting marine mammals and other wildlife, protecting sensitive habitats, and developing regional coastal and marine protection plans. Navy policy also requires compliance with all environmental laws.

Part of ensuring compliance includes posting sailors to surveil the surrounding area during any training activity. If any marine species are detected within the training zone, activities are halted. They also take care to avoid sensitive marine habitats.

The Navy funds monitoring marine mammals, fish, sea turtles, invertebrates, and habitats across the Atlantic and

Pacific Oceans. This includes acoustic monitoring, animal tagging, and other activities. The Navy has sponsored more than \$300 million of marine research and monitoring projects worldwide. Navy scientists collaborate with research organizations, universities, and independent researchers to improve marine species research, effects analysis, monitoring, and mitigation development.

The Navy also established the Living Marine Resources Program to develop, demonstrate, and assess information and applied technology solutions to better understand the environmental risks associated with at-sea testing and training activities. This program invests in determining risk-threshold criteria, developing ways to protect species and their habitats, and developing technologies for monitoring and mitigation.

The Navy’s environmental monitoring efforts are extensive. For example, the coastal waters of Florida and Georgia serve as the

winter calving ground for the North Atlantic right whale. They work with several universities to collect data on movement patterns, rates of travel, dive profiles, and sound production from this critically endangered species which aids in monitoring and protection of right whales.

Navy-funded research also documents the behavior and movement patterns of beaked whales and pilot whales off the coast of North Carolina; monitoring how bottlenose dolphins respond to the detonation of underwater mines during training; working to understand sea turtle movement and habitat use in training areas; and studying how to limit harm to seabird populations on remote, Navy-owned islands.

Navy scientists conduct baseline natural resource surveys on installations, for example, to help the Navy better understand and reduce potential effects of military operations and construction on wetlands and endangered species.

The success of the



GUEST COLUMN
BY JAMES L. CUMMINS

Navy’s at-sea environmental stewardship program contributes to the success of their military missions, all while preserving the marine environment for future generations. Finding the right balance to protect our freedoms while also preserving the environment are responsibilities the U.S. Navy takes very seriously.

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Shawn Woodfork, 33, possession of weapon by felon; possession of stolen firearm
Karen M. Matherne, 56, contempt failure to appear
Dennis L. Moody, 68, DUI
Tarik R. Magee, 28, contempt of court failure to appear
Trevor J. Booth, 34, shoplifting; trespass
Gary S. LaFontaine, 49, contempt of court failure to appear
Whitney M. Williams, 28, contempt of court failure to appear; probation violation
Albert J. Grelle II, 30, profane and indecent language over telephone
Robert G. Sams Jr., 22, felony possession of controlled substance; murder; aggravated assault
James E. Brashier, 42, contempt of court failure to appear
Jared Ladner, 34, controlled substance to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense, or possess with intent to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense
William A. Perry, 35, DUI

Kelly C. Williams, 43, contempt of court failure to appear x 2
Julie A. Saffrhan, 49, DUI; misdemeanor possession of controlled substance
Kristopher L. Gibson, 43, contempt of court failure to appear; hold for other agency
Robert J. Gros, 28, trespassing
Elizabeth K. Martin, 45, felony possession of controlled substance; possession of paraphernalia; disorderly conduct; motor vehicle resisting/obstructing arrest; parole violation
John H. Gipson, 47, disorderly conduct; hold for other agency
Joseph A. Dunivan, 58, possession of weapon by felon; contempt of court failure to appear; possession of stolen firearm
Donald J. Schwartz Jr., 33, simple domestic violence simple assault; probation violation
Thomas D. Everett, 36, contempt of court failure to appear
Selest A. Tomaso, 27, possession of paraphernalia
Tracy L. Green, 48, probation violation
Gwenette James, 55, contempt of court failure to appear
Joseph R. Ruggles, 54, contempt of court failure to appear
Gaston L. Pace, 68, possession of paraphernalia; possession of

marijuana (1-30 grams); DUI
Phillip A. Grantier II, 30, DUI
Christal L. Cook, 48, hold for other agency
Kyson J. Julian, 18, DUI; speeding; tobacco offenses juvenile purchase possession and consumption of tobacco
Paul S. Lowery, 27, possession of stolen firearm; contempt of court failure to appear
Kevin L. Eshelman, 43, DUI
Shawna D. Hinton, 41, DUI
Joan M. Taylor, 45, contempt of court failure to appear
Aaron D. Bobinger, 40, probation violation; felony possession of controlled substance
Courtnee L. Strain, 26, simple assault; child: touching child for lustful purposes, gratification, molesting; sexual battery
Nichole L. Cherry, 36, hold for other agency
Timothy J. Cunningham, 48, contempt failure to appear x 2; probation violation
Aimee J. Pearson, 34, possession of paraphernalia; felony possession of controlled substance
Ammie G. Dixon, 39, contempt failure to appear
Dawn C. McQueen, 59, DUI
Juanita M. Douglas, 47, shoplifting; contempt of court failure to appear x 3
Robert F. Barrett, 53,

DUI
Jade J. Boudreaux, 24, DUI
Sabrina C. Kennedy, 53, DUI
Zachary Edmonson, 33, contempt of court failure to appear x 3; contempt failure to pay x 2
Charles T. Shoemake, 42, parole violation
Tyrel R. Young, 42, contempt of court failure to appear
Ryan J. Stephens, 47, contempt of court failure to appear
Reid J. Banks Lander, 23, DUI
Michael A. Paulette, 27, hold for other agency
Nicole E. Cooper, 48, felony possession of controlled substance
Jasmine S. Berthelot, 23, DUI
Joseph R. Ruggles, 54, trespassing
Jessie J. Ellis, 35, contempt of court failure to appear
Brittany L. Watson, 35, contempt failure to appear
Christopher J. Frickey, 44, simple domestic violence simple assault
Jercody M. Nelson, 31, controlled substance trafficking; possession of paraphernalia x 2; DUI; speeding; tag - none, expired, improperly mounted, covering or mounted; no drivers license or expired; misdemeanor possession of controlled substance

MS House Summary - Week of January 13, 2025

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

On Monday, January 13, the House convened at 4 PM the House passed a resolution from the Committee on Rules to commemorate the 100th birthdays of cultural icons B.B. King and Medgar Evers, recognizing their invaluable contributions to music and American culture.

Wednesday, January 15, was the deadline for submitting requests to draft general bills and constitutional amendments.

A notable development was the introduction and passage of House Bill 1, the “Build Up Mississippi Act” by Ways and Means Chairman, Trey Lamar. The bill aims to eliminate state income tax and overhaul the state’s tax structure, making it a key legislative priority for the session.

HB1 proposes several significant changes including a 1.5% local sales tax starting in 2026, a reduction in grocery sales tax to 2.5% by 2036, and a 5% motor fuels tax to fund road and infrastructure projects.

Additionally, the act outlines the phased elimination of state income tax for incomes over \$10,000 by 2037, the reallocation of lottery proceeds to PERS, and the establishment of advisory boards to oversee transportation and budget reforms. Implementation of these provisions is scheduled to begin in 2025 with staggered timelines.

Looking ahead, Monday, January 20, is the deadline for introducing general bills and constitutional amendments. The House is scheduled to reconvene at 4:00 PM on the same day.

• ABSURD

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Masks.” It’s about a wealthy father who is dying and invites his greedy family members to a Mardi Gras party where he insists they wear masks designed specifically for each of his heirs who are just waiting for him to die so they can inherit his wealth.

It’s such a pitiful episode and one feels sorry for the old man and the lack of love from his family. But, it always seems that people are always looking for

more and more wealth and could care less about how they get it.

In the episode “Time Enough at Last,” Burgess Meredith’s character survives an H-bomb attack and finds that he finally has enough time to read his books, only to break his glasses. As someone who is severely vision-impaired, breaking one’s glasses is most certainly the stuff of nightmares.

I’m currently reading “Fahrenheit 451” written by Ray Bradbury in 1953. It’s about a future society where books are outlawed and firemen burn those that are found. Yeah, I don’t

think we should have a society that bans and burns books. When I finish this one, I’m going to take a break and read the first part of Cher’s autobiography and what I hope will be some lighter reading.

In the episode, “The Chaser,” a man purchases a \$1 love potion to gain the attention of the love of his life. It’s one of the lighter episode, but it does also give way to that warning “Be careful what you wish for.” The potion works, but a little too well, and George Grizzard is faced with the choice of purchasing \$1,000 “glove cleaner” to reverse the effects of

the potion.

Even though I still enjoy watching “The Twilight Zone,” and probably always will, I’m ready for it to stop imitating real life so much.

On a side note: The passing of the great David Lynch has inspired me to rewatch his great works, which are also wonderful and some of my favorites.

“What a great time to be alive if you love the theater of the absurd!” — David Lynch.

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• HISTORY

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facility called Hancock Medical Center opened in 1960 at a total initial cost of \$560,000. Initially, there was one surgeon and a few general doctors on staff. After ten years the annual payroll totaled \$414,3394. The hospital acquired a rating of full accreditation in 1968. Private rooms were \$35/day.

By 1987, a larger, more modern facility was needed and an acute care facility was built on Drinkwater Boulevard. A major renovation in 1995 focused on the expansion of the emergency area and several

ancillary departments. Gross revenue by 1997 was \$61,529,275. There were more than one hundred physicians on the active and consulting staff.

In 2016, the County Board of Supervisors began investigating whether selling Hancock Medical Center was feasible. In September 2017, the Board approved entering into a twenty-five lease agreement with Ochsner. The name of the hospital was changed to Ochsner Medical Center-Hancock. Ochsner has committed to invest \$33.75 M in lease payments and capital investments into the county and facility and to make efforts to recruit physicians and expand clinical services.

Ochsner Medical Center-Han-

cock offers hospital, clinic and surgical services. Ochsner Health is a private not-for-profit health care system that includes hospitals, health centers, and urgent care centers.

The changes in health care in Hancock County over the last one hundred years boggle the mind. Fortunately, the Hancock County Board of Supervisors has accepted the challenge over the years to build hospitals and update the health care infrastructure which has been no small mission. No doubt there will be more transformative changes or improvements in the not to distant future with the advancement of the science of medicine.

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• RICKEY CAMERON

• DAVID PAUL DEBLANC

• RONALD JOSEPH “R.J.” GARCIA SR.

• CHARLES “CHUCK” SCIANNA JR.

• EDWARD DANIEL “DANNY” THOMAS

Albert
Alphonse Asher

Albert Alphonse Asher, 89, of Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi, departed this life on January 16, 2025, at the Gulf Coast VA Medical Center in Biloxi.

Albert Alphonse Asher was born on November 15, 1935, at the Hancock County home of his parents, Curtis A. Asher and Luella Hose Asher. The home was in the same neighborhood where he would live his entire life.

While growing up, he worked with his father as a carpenter. He also worked with the Hancock County Tax Assessor’s Office.

Albert graduated Bay St. Louis High School then went to a business school in Jackson, MS. Upon completion, he received his draft notice from Uncle Sam. He decided to join the United States Air Force. Albert went to boot camp in Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas then served in South Carolina where he was a drill instructor. He ultimately went to Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage, Alaska where he was a duty sergeant. He truly enjoyed living in Alaska. He loved the snow and often spoke about hiking the beautiful mountains and glaciers.

While in Alaska, he married Clara Lee Ketchum Asher on October 1, 1956. He also had his first son, Robbie K. Asher.

Upon completing his duty with the Air Force, Albert left Alaska and returned to Hancock County. He got a job with Coast Electric Power Association. While with Coast Electric, Hurricane Camille hit Mississippi and Albert played an integral part in acquiring the material and supplies to rebuild the company’s electric grid and returning power to its members.

While working at Coast Electric, Albert also operated a nursery and garden center. He also had his second son, Roger Dale Asher.

In 1972, Albert left Coast Electric and opened a grocery and hardware store in the same neighborhood where he was born. During this time, he became an important part of the neighborhood. He opened early in the morning and many employees at Port Bienvenue would come by for breakfast and lunch. Albert knew almost everyone and usually addressed people by their first name.

When Albert retired, he started selling daylilies and working yard sales with his father and mother. Many Saturday mornings they were up early to be the first ones at area yard sales.

Albert was predeceased by his father, Curtis, his mother, Luella, wife, Clara Lee and son, Dale

He is survived by his son, Robbie, whose wife is Nadine J. Asher, his –daughter-in-law, Karen Asher, three granddaughters,



Victoria Melton, whose husband is Jason, Melanie Kormondy, whose husband is Douglas, and Stacie Carr, whose husband is Hank. Albert also has four great-grandchildren, Dana and Mallory Ritter, Lilly Kormondy, and Albert Carr.

Throughout his life, Albert was a dedicated, loving, and caring husband and father.

Albert’s family wants to thank the doctors, nurses, and staff at the Gulf Coast VA Medical Center and particularly the staff at the Community Living Center for the care and attention they gave him.

Services will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2025 at Waveland United Methodist Church. Visitation from 10:00 a.m. till 11:00 a.m. Funeral Service at 11:00 a.m. Followed by burial at the Bayou Lacroix Cemetery.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Albert A. Asher.

Ronald Joseph
“R.J.” Garcia, Sr.

Ronald Joseph “R.J.” Garcia, Sr., 83, of Diamondhead, MS passed away Sunday, January 12, 2025, in Gulfport, Mississippi.

R.J. was a man of conviction, known for his straightforwardness and unwavering honesty. His passions included golfing, classic cars, visiting the casino, and collecting beer signs. He was a wonderful and loving husband, father, and grandfather who will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Pat and Ester Garcia; two brothers, James and Carl Garcia; sister, Shirley Netto; and brother-in-law, Milton Paske.

He leaves behind a loving family, including his devoted wife, Dianne Garcia; son, Ronald J. Garcia, Jr.; daughter, Susan Garcia; brother, Clayton Garcia; sister, Artha Paske; two grandsons, Harley and Rick Garcia; two granddaughters, Ashley Calecas and Destiny Moran; as well as eight great-grandsons: Anthony Garcia, Julian Garcia, Domingo Munoz, Harrison Moran III, Christopher Talley, Zane Garcia, Royce, and Bentley; two great-granddaughters, Felicity Moran and Brianna Williams; and daughter-in-law, Trish Garcia.

Visitation will be held on Monday, January 20, 2025, at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., followed by a funeral service at 1:00 p.m. Interment will take place at Lakeshore Cemetery in Lakeshore, Mississippi.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Ronald Joseph “R.J” Garcia, Sr.



Charles “Chuck”
Scianna Jr.

Chuck Scianna, age 71 of Bellville, Texas, passed away peacefully January 14, 2025, surrounded by his family. He was born June 22, 1953, in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi to Charles and Beverly Favre Scianna. He attended school in Bay St. Louis and graduated from Bay High in 1971. After graduation, he joined the United States Marine Corps 4th Marine Division Reserves. Chuck attended the University of Southern Mississippi and graduated with a degree in Business Administration in August 1975 which provided him with a solid foundation that helped propel him to lifelong success in the business world. While attending Southern Miss, he worked at A&P food store where he met “the girl on the box” (Rita) in April 1974 and married her in December 1974. After graduation, they moved to Houston, Texas where he got his start in the oil and gas industry. In 1986 he started Sim-Tex, LP, an oil country tubular goods wholesaler, which will continue with his amazing employees.

In 2013, Chuck was inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame at USM and named distinguished Entrepreneur of the Year by the College of Business. In 2014, he was awarded the Heritage Award by the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation in Quantico, Virginia. In 2015 the new College of Business building at the University of Southern Mississippi was opened and named Scianna Hall. William Carey University named its business building on their Mississippi Gulf Coast Campus Scianna Hall. In May 2022 he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate degree at his beloved USM.

Chuck was a strong supporter of education and considered his donations as investments for children, which many have been on the receiving end. He was active in many organizations including serving on the board of the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, Boys and Girls Country of Hockley, Texas where he served as President, president of the Waller Economic Development Corporation since 2006, USM Foundation Board, and the USM Athletic Board. He supported both Austin and Waller County fair associations, Boys and Girls Country, St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, and the Weekly YMCA of Houston.

Besides his family, Chuck loved hunting. His favorite was quail hunting, and he got great enjoyment watching his dogs go on point when finding a covey of quail. His next favorite was prairie dog hunting with his favorite hunting buddies and seeing who could make the longest shot.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Beverly Scianna, brother, Peter, and niece, Blair Scianna. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Rita, daughters Ashley (Clint) Sciba, Stephanie (William) Latham, and his precious granddaughters



Claire, Keeleigh, Caroline, and Grace. Brothers Stephen (Paula), Kenneth (Vicki), Paul (Paige), sisters Mary Ann (Mike) Benvenuti, Danita (Joey) Luttrell, Linda (Gary) Collinge and Julie (Harvey) Timberlake and numerous nieces and nephews.

Chuck’s greatest treasure in life was his family. He was a man of integrity, strong faith in God and he had a huge heart that gave and gave until it gave out. His generosity knew no bounds and he will be sorely missed by family and friends.

Pallbearers will be Steve Scianna, Jr., Justin Hold, Mark Frugoni, Gary English, Bo Pierce, Chuck Galliger, Mitchell Stepan and Jack Timberlake. Honorary Pallbearers are Joe Quinlin, Joe Paul, Eric “Poncho” James, and Mike Benvenuti.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church Building Fund, Boys and Girls Country of Hockley, Texas, St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, USM Foundation USM Children’s Center, Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, Reach Unlimited, or the charity of your choice.

Rickey Eugene
Cameron

Rickey Eugene Cameron was born on April 15, 1955, in Arm/Silver Creek, MS., to Marie Sutton Cameron and Julius Cameron.

On Tuesday, January 14th, 2025, Rickey departed this life for his heavenly home.

Rickey was a member of Valena C. Jones United Methodist Church of Bay St. Louis, MS. He attended Brookhaven High School in Brookhaven, MS., where he was a member of multiple varsity sports teams, including football, basketball, baseball, and track.

Rickey continued his education at Jackson State University, Jackson, MS., where he majored in Business and played as a cornerback on the Jackson State football team. He met Jennifer Lewis, on that campus. He remembered his time at Jackson State as one of the most wonderful times of his life, where he met his future wife, teammates, and lifelong friends.

Rickey always dreamed of having his own businesses. Through hard work and determination, he opened

Dash Six Grocery, which included a grocery store/deli, liquor store, laundromat, and sports bar.

Rickey enjoyed his life with his wife of 41 years, Jennifer, his children, Kolbi and Kree, and his grandchildren, Ja’Kobe, A. J., and Lyriq.

Rickey was preceded in death by his father, Julius Cameron, his mother, Marie Sutton Cameron, his siblings, James Cameron, Eural Cameron, Marva Cameron, Shelva Cameron, and Steve Cameron.

Rickey is survived by his wife Jennifer Lewis Cameron of Bay St. Louis, MS.; his children: Kolbi Cameron of Bay St. Louis, MS., Kree Cameron of Bay St. Louis, MS., and Bianca Martin of Gulfport, MS.; his grandchildren: Ja’Kobe Cameron of Bay St. Louis, MS., Allen (A.J.) Frederick IV of Bay St. Louis, MS., Lyriq Frederick of Bay St. Louis, MS., Elijah Martin of Gulfport, MS., and Jaedis Martin of Gulfport, MS.; his siblings: Donna(Walter) Ross of Prentis, MS., Julia Cameron of Waveland, MS., and Stephon(Darlene) Cameron of Silver Creek, MS.;



his mother-in-law: Ollie Lewis of Bay St. Louis, MS., his aunt-in-law: Rose Lewis of Bay St. Louis, MS., his cousin-in-law: D’Quan Lewis of Bay St. Louis, MS., and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

The funeral will be held on Friday, January 24th, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., at Valena C. Jones United Methodist Church, 248 Sycamore St., Bay St. Louis, MS., 39520. The visitation will be at 10:00 a.m., under the direction of Baylous Funeral Home.

Interment will be at St. Mary’s Cemetery, 304 South Necaie Ave., Bay St. Louis, MS., 39520, adjacent to St. Rose De Lima Catholic Church.

David Paul
DeBlanc

With a heavy heart, we announce the passing of David Paul DeBlanc Jr. on January 15, 2025.

David DeBlanc, affectionately known as “Dave” was born on March 9, 1979 in New Orleans, Louisiana to David Paul DeBlanc Sr. and Betty Elise Bowen. Dave was the eldest of four sons. His brothers are Daniel DeBlanc, James “Jay” Vega, and John Vega and he had a step-brother Ben Hanfelder. Dave also had two loving step parents, James “Jim” Vega and Mary Anne DeBlanc. Dave’s blended families all played important roles in his life. He grew up in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, attended Saint Stanislaus Catholic High School, and then Mississippi State University, where he graduated

top of his class with a degree in chemical engineering. Following college, he went on to work for Exxon-Mobil for 19 years, which provided him with the opportunity to live in Texas, Wyoming, Africa, Russia, and England. Dave is described by his peers as intelligent beyond his years, a proficient problem solver and a great friend.

He married Christine Benvenuti in 2001, and became the proud father of Elizabeth, David, and Catherine. Later, he married Galina in 2017, and they shared eight years of marriage with their beloved dog Drake.

Dave was preceded in death by his father David Paul DeBlanc, Sr and both sets of grandparents: James and Elizabeth DeBlanc and James and Carolyn Bowen. Additionally, he is survived by a multitude of loving aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.



A man of exploration and curiosity, he loved hunting, fishing, camping, playing chess, and was known for his cooking. His love for his family was immeasurable, and our love for him will stay forever in our hearts.

A celebration of David’s life will be held Saturday, January 25, 2025 at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home. Visitation will begin at 3:30 p.m, followed by a procession to Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery.

Edward Daniel
“Danny” Thomas

Edward Daniel “Danny” Thomas died on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at his home in Bay St. Louis.

Danny was born in Bay St. Louis to Agnes Mae (Hartmann) and Carl John Thomas Sr. on March 26, 1963.

Both of his parents preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by one brother, Joseph Thomas.

Danny is survived by three brothers, Carl (Sheila) Thomas, Jr, Albert (Karen)

Thomas, and Barry Thomas, four sisters, Sue (Sissy) Nugent, Sheila Burch, Charlotte Hinds and Patricia Puckett.

He was preceded in death by 2 nephews, Buckey Nugent and Donnie Burch.

He is survived by nieces and nephews, Canellie, Conallie, Travis, Kevin, Shanon, Linda, Jason, Karen, Ronnie, Hank, Jennifer, Russ, Cody, Luke, and Shannon.

Danny was a hardworking man in his city, county and for his family. He will be missed by family and friends.



A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Edward Daniel “Danny” Thomas.

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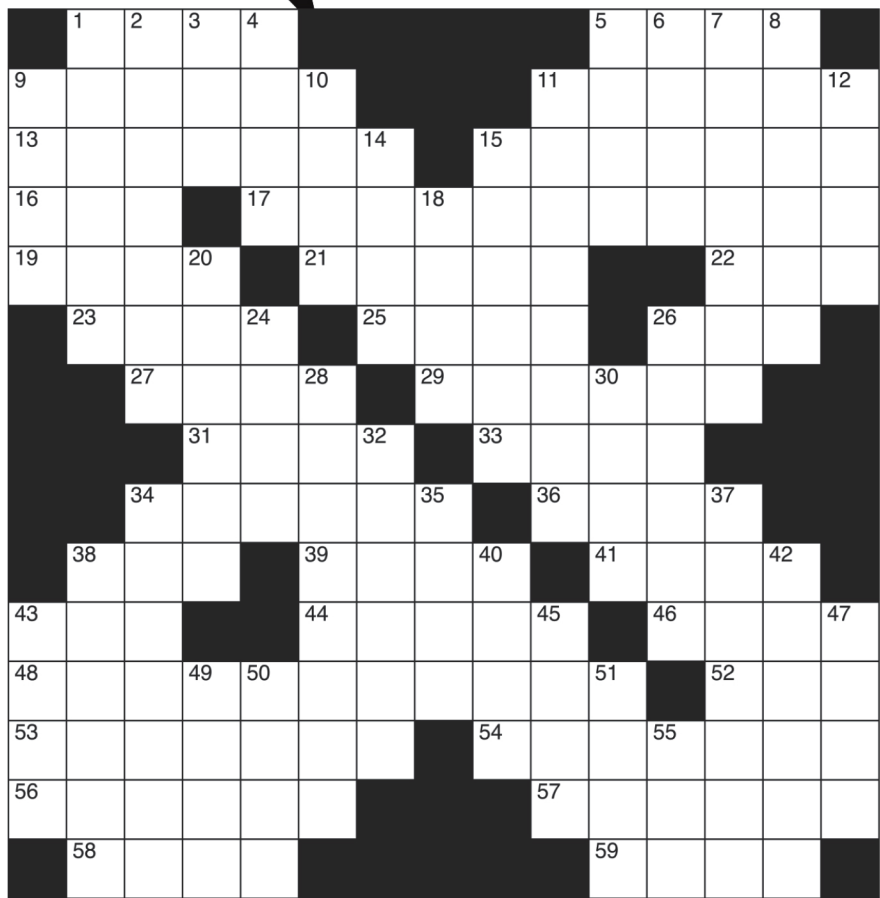


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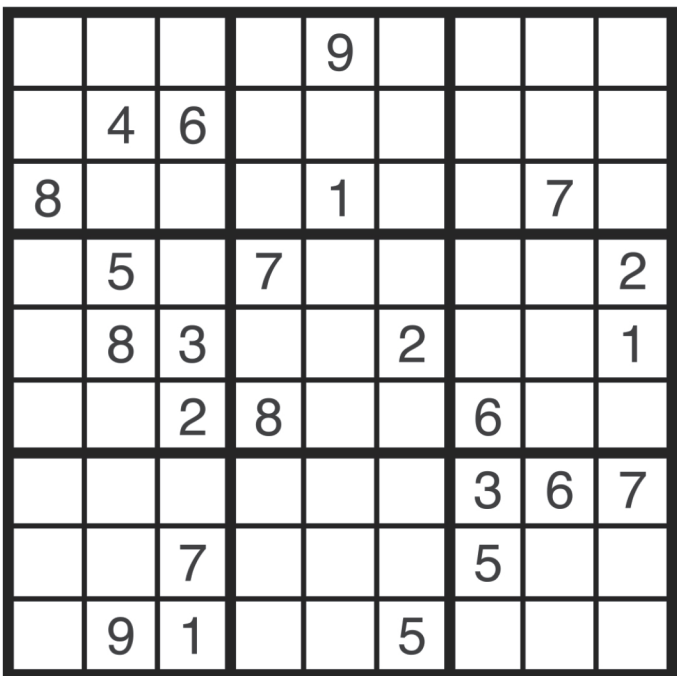
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- Garlands
- Bird that flies by the coast
- Optical device
- Greek goddess of discord
- Some are “Rolling”
- Formerly (archaic)
- Thrust a knife into
- German river
- Atomic #26
- Make a grotesque face
- Primordial matter of the universe
- Chinese philosophical principle

SUDOKU



Level: Intermediate

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

- On what date does the Northern Hemisphere's winter solstice make its grand entrance?
- How does winter treat equatorial regions with its hot personality?
- What's the go-to snowy escapade for kids channeling their inner guardian angel?
- Which citrus superstar steals the spotlight during the winter harvest?
- How much H2O treasure can you mine from a snowy 12 cm?

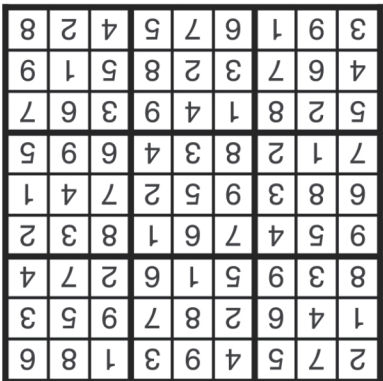
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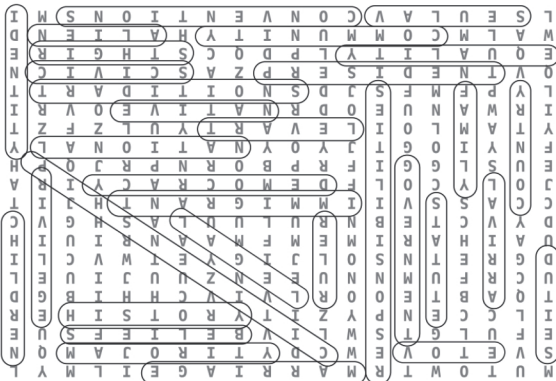
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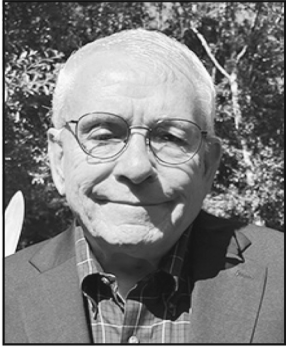
TRIVIA
ANSWERS
1. December 21 or 22
2. Almost uniformly high
3. Making snow angels
4. Oranges
5. 1 cm



Devotional Page

Wisdom Literature

By **REV. C. GERALD RICHARDSON, D. MIN**



C. Gerald Richardson, D. MIN.

The book that most people refer to as The Holy Bible is actually a collection of writings compiled over thousands of years. There were many different writers who contributed to this collection. They were from various historical peri-

ods. They had multiple agendas and purposes for their writing. The one common thread which was present throughout was the Jewish tradition. It defined the identity of the writers, and it was always at the center of their historical, spiritual, and cultural experience. That is not to say that they always agreed, or that their various life journeys were just alike. They were, after all, human beings. They came from different places, and their lives were certainly influenced by many encounters.

The beauty of biblical literature is not, and was never intended to be, found in its rules or isolated statements. It is not spiritually or theologically accurate to simply lift a single sentence from the bible and look upon it

as absolute truth. The circumstances, historical context, and most of all, the human attitudes involved of the writers and the reader, must be considered.

One segment of scripture which is popular and often quoted is known as “wisdom literature”. It includes such titles as Psalms, Proverbs, The Song of Solomon, and Ecclesiastes. The book of Job is sometimes included in the list of wisdom writing although it does have a different setting and tone. Each of these books contain their individual beauty and meaning, and each of them provide important insight and teachings that have been valued by readers across many centuries.

One that has always held a particular interest to me is Ec-

clesiastes. It can be a confusing book, especially if it is read from the perspective of literal interpretation. It begins with a profoundly pessimistic declaration that life is essentially an exercise in vanity. This goes on for the first two chapters. Then it is followed by a different emphasis. Chapter 3 begins with the well-known statement that, “To everything there is a season...”. Throughout the 12 chapters of this book, there exists a mixture of wise statements and some moments of hope, but it does not totally abandon the notion of the vanity of life. An attempt to read this work as if it were a set of rules can be confusing, and it may lead to frustration. This is the beauty, and at times, the challenge. of biblical study.

Ecclesiastes is really a statement about life to which most of us can relate. Sometimes life is confusing. Sometimes it is depressing. Sometimes it offers joy and possibility. Nearly always it can be a mixture of all of these, and even more. This book of wisdom does not attempt to hide such realities, but it honestly addresses them. The hopeful reality in this text is the recognition that we are not alone when we face the complexities of life.

Sometimes life does seem like vanity and vexation of spirit. It can also be good, joyful, and filled with hope. Truly, “To everything there is a season...” This is the way “wisdom literature” guides and teaches us. I am thankful for it.

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Diamondhead | 255-6888
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LEGALS

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: ESTATE OF CARLTON E. KELLEY, JR., DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 23CH1:24-cv-645-CB

SUMMONS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: HEIRS AT LAW OF CARLTON E. KELLEY, JR., DECEASED

You have been made a Defendant in this suit filed in this Court by Alanna K. Greco, Administratrix of the Estate of Carlton E. Kelley, Jr., deceased, seeking judicial declaration of the heirs at law of Carlton E. Kelley, Jr., deceased. The Defendants other than you in this action are Carmea K. Knight and Tiffany E. Kelley, who along with Alanna K. Greco are alleged to be the sole heirs of the decedent.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. on February 19, 2025, in Chancery Courtroom 4 at the Harrison County Courthouse, 1801 23rd Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleadings, but you may do so if you so desire.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of office, this the 7th day of January, 2025.

Tiffany Lee Cowman, Chancery Clerk
By: s/Cassie Tribble, D.C.
152 Main Street, Ste. A
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Publish Dates: 1/16/2025; 1/23/2025; 1/30/2025

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN RE: ESTATE OF CARLTON E. KELLEY, JR., DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 23CH1:24-cv-645-CB

ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE

TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 6th day of January, 2025, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of Carlton E. Kelley, Jr., deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court to have the same probated and registered according to law within 90 days after the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 6th day of January, A.D., 2025.

s/ALANNA K. GRECO, ADMINISTRATRIX

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE&s NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2020, Cassandra L Miller, Debra Marabito, and Terry Marabito executed a deed of trust for the benefit of Navy Federal Credit Union, which deed of trust was recorded on November 24, 2020, in Book 2020, Page 30958, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

WHEREAS, the holder of the deed of trust at the time of the substitution substituted McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC as Trustee, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument recorded December 17, 2024 and spread at large upon the records in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 2024, Page 28890 prior to the posting and publication of this notice; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of the deed of trust, and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of the deed of trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, Navy Federal Credit Union, has requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land, property and improvements in accordance with the terms of the deed of trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, Substitute Trustee&s fees and expenses of sale;

THEREFORE, on January 30, 2025, the undersigned Substitute Trustee in the deed of trust, will offer for sale at public outcry and sell to the highest bidder for cash, within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, the following described land, property and improvements lying and being situate in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:

Lot 5, Block 6, First Addition to Unit 7, DIAMONDHEAD, Phase I, a subdivision according to the official map or plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in plat Book 4 at Page 14 thereof, reference In which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

I WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in the Substitute

Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 18th day of December, 2024

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC
Substitute Trustee
1022 Highland Colony Parkway, Suite 304
Ridgeland, MS 39157-2049
(662) 388-5464
Foreclosurehotline.net
File No.: 24-03484MS

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

CEMORE MICHAEL ABNEY III PLAINTIFF

VS.

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 24-0466-CB

CHRISTOPHER M. RUSSELL; GLORIA WINTERS; THE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF SAID INDIVIDUALS AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY SOLD FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 26, 2013, VIZ: 21 BLK 3 DIAMONDHEAD PHASE 1 UNIT 4, PARCEL NO.: 067F-I-26-167.000, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI DEFENDANTS

AMENDED SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: 1. CHRISTOPHER M. RUSSELL; GLORIA WINTERS; THE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF SAID INDIVIDUALS; ANY AND ALL PERSONS OR PARTIES, REAL OR CORPORATE, HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND SOLD FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 26, 2013, VIZ: 21 BLK 3 DIAMONDHEAD PHASE 1 UNIT 4, PARCEL NO.: 067F-I-26-167.000, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

You have been made a Defendants in the suit filed in this Court by Plaintiff, Cemore Michael Abney III, seeking to confirm his title to the property described above, acquired from a tax on AUGUST 26, 2013, VIZ: 21 BLK 3 DIAMONDHEAD PHASE 1 UNIT 4, PARCEL NO.: 067F-I-26-167.000, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE 23rd DAY OF JANUARY 2025, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

Issued under my hand and the Seal of said Court, this the 17th day of January, 2025.

Tiffany Cowman, Chancery Clerk
152 Main Street, Suite A
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

BY: Bridgette Ladner, D.C.

PUBLISH: 1/23/25, 1/30/25 and 2/6/2025

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HARRISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF CHARLES A. MELSON, JR. (DECEASED)

CAUSE NO. 24-cv-2294-MA

EXECUTRIXS NOTICE

TO THE CREDITORS OF CHARLES ALPHONSE MELSON, JR.: Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 27th day of December, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Harrison County, Mississippi, in Cause No. 24-cv-2294-MA to the undersigned upon the Estate of Charles Alphonse Melson, Jr., deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days after the first publication of this notice or the claims will

ever be barred.

THIS the 27th day of December, 2024.
VICKIE DARES, EXECUTRIX

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE&s NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2001, Eli Saucier executed a deed of trust for the benefit of NationsCredit Financial Services Corporation d/b/a EquiCredit, which deed of trust was recorded on March 19, 2001, in Book 624, Page 130, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; Said Deed of Trust was last sold, assigned and transferred to Laelia LLC by assignment recorded in Book 2024, Page 20877 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

WHEREAS, the holder of the deed of trust at the time of the substitution substituted McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC as Trustee, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument recorded December 11, 2024 and spread at large upon the records in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 2024, Page 28555 prior to the posting and publication of this notice; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of the deed of trust, and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of the deed of trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, Laelia LLC, has requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land, property and improvements in accordance with the terms of the deed of trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, Substitute Trustee&s fees and expenses of sale;

THEREFORE, on January 30, 2025, the undersigned Substitute Trustee in the deed of trust, will offer for sale at public outcry and sell to the highest bidder for cash, within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, the following described land, property and improvements lying and being situate in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:

The land referred to in this Commitment is described as follows:

Commencing at a point where the West line of Lot 39, Rear of the Third Ward of the City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi intersects the North line of Washington Street, as per official plat of said City and Ward made by E.S. Drake, C.E., filed May 1, 1923, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; Thence South 70 degrees East 500 feet to a stake as a Place of Beginning; thence South 70 degrees East 100 feet along the North line of Washington Street to a stake; thence North 20 degrees East 132.8 feet, more or less, to the North line of Lot 37; thence North 70 degrees West 100 feet along the North line of Lot 37 to a stake; thence South 20 degrees West 132.8 feet, more or less, to the Place of Beginning, said land being the East 100 feet of the West 600 feet of Lots 37 and 39, Rear of the Third Ward of the City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

I WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in the Substitute Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 13th day of December, 2024

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC
Substitute Trustee
1022 Highland Colony Parkway, Suite 304
Ridgeland, MS 39157-2049
(662) 388-5464
Foreclosurehotline.net
File No.: 23-02401MS

PUBLISH: 01/09/2025, 01/16/2025, 01/23/2025

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CAUSE NO 24-264 MARY L. BRAKEBILL

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF MARY L. BRAKEBILL DECEASED

You have been made a Defendant in a Petition filed in this Court filed by Crystal Flickinger, seeking to establish the heirs at law, of MARY L. BRAKEBILL.

You are summoned to appear at a hearing, before Judge Jim Persons , and assert your heirship in the Chancery Court of Harrison County, Mississippi, First Judicial District located at 1801 23rd Ave. in Gulfport, Mississippi, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on February 19, 2025. In the event that you fail to ap-

pear, you will be excluded as an heir at law of Mary L. Brakebill in a judgment determining her heirs. Consequently, you will be precluded from making any claim against her estate. You are not required to file an answer or other pleadings, but you may do so if you desire. You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 10th day of January 2025. TIFFANY COWMAN, CHANCERY CLERK
Publication Dates: 1/16/25 1/23/25 1/30/25

INVITATION FOR BIDS FOREST PRODUCTS FOR SALE ON HANCOCK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT LANDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Hancock County Board of Education at the School District Office, 18375, Hwy 603 Kiln, MS 39556 up to and not later than 10:00 A.M. February 18th, 2025, for the purchase on a per-ton basis for all timber, standing or down, designated for harvesting in Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi. Each bidder is expected to make their own cruise and to bid accordingly.

Before bids are submitted, full information concerning the timber, the conditions of sale and the submission of bids should be obtained from James Shumpert, Assistant Regional Forester, 477 Southgate Hattiesburg MS, 39402 telephone number (601) 528-4873. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

The sale consists of a + 114 acre pay- as- cut final harvest on a +40 year old natural pine stand. The stand has an average merchantable height of 30 feet and an average DBH of 10.2 inches. At present the average basal area is 115.8 square feet per acre. Bids will be on a per ton basis for the following products: pine pulpwood, pine chip-n-saw, pine poles, pine sawtimber, hardwood pulpwood, and hardwood sawtimber.

Publication Dates:

January 23, 2025
January 30, 2025
February 6, 2025
February 13, 2025

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on December 23, 2014, Gerald Floyd Hemphill and Adrienne M. Hemphill executed a certain deed of trust to J. Morton Matrick, Trustee for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as beneficiary, as nominee for Urban Financial of America, LLC, its successors and assigns which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, State of Mississippi in Book 2015 at Page 366; and

WHEREAS, LLG MS LLC has heretofore been substituted as Trustee by instrument dated November 21, 2024 and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Book 2024, Page 26925; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, Finance of America Reverse LLC, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expense of sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LLG MS LLC, Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, will on February 12, 2025 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the front door of the County Courthouse at 152 Main St., Bay St. Louis, MS, to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds the following described property situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

LOT 38, SQUARE 28, SHORELINE ESTATES SUBDIVISION, UNIT NO. 5, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS PER PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

PARCEL ID:135R-0-46-029.00

I WILL CONVEY only such title as vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

LOGS Legal Group LLP

1080 River Oaks Drive, Suite B-202
Flowood, MS 39232
(601) 981-9299

458 Skyline Drive
Bay St Louis, MS 39520
23-029859

Publication Dates: December 26, 2024, January 16, 2025, January 23, 2025 and January 30, 2025, February 06, 2025

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF LAURA C. GOLDMAN, SETTLOR

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that LAURA C. GOLDMAN, SETTLOR, died on January 7, 2025 and that Laurel C. Feilmeier is the successor Trustee of The Laura C. Goldman Living Trust, dated November 21, 2006, and re-stated and amended on August 6, 2014. Pursuant to Miss. Code § 91-8-504, all persons having claims against LAURA C. GOLDMAN, SETTLOR, are required to present their claim to the successor Trustee within ninety (90) days after the date of the first publication of this notice, as prescribed in Miss. Code § 91-8-504. Failure to present the claim within ninety (90) days will forever bar the claim. Claims must be presented by delivering or mailing a written statement of the claim to the successor Trustee at 105 Beverly Drive, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520.

DATED this 9th day of January, 2025.

Submitted by: Laurel C. Feilmeier, Successor Trustee

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LEONA WALSH MARQUEZ, DECEASED

BY: ELENOR MARQUEZ PERNICIARO, Petitioner

NO. C23CH1:24-cv-702 JS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 9th day of January, 2025, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Administratrix of the Estate of LEONA WALSH MARQUEZ, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred. THIS, the 9th day of January, 2025.

ELENOR MARQUEZ PERNICIARO, Administratrix

Prepared by: Zach Butterworth, MS Bar No. 9946

Hesse & Butterworth, PLLC

Post Office Box 3567

Bay St. Louis, MS 39521

Tele: 228-255-7500

Attorney for Administratrix

Publish: 1-16-25, 1-23-25, 1-30-25

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: ESTATE OF LYNN J. NAQUIN, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 23CH1:24-cv-690-MA

ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 8th day of January, 2025, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of Lynn J. Naquin, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court to have the same probated and registered according to law within 90 days after the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 8th day of January, A.D., 2025.

s/ EMILE J. NAQUIN, JR., ADMINISTRATOR

Caroline E. Haas, MS Bar No. 104525
Haas & Haas, Attorneys at Law
201 North Second Street
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
T: (228) 467-6574
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Publish dates: 1/16/2025; 1/23/2025; 1/30/2025

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: ESTATE OF LYNN J. NAQUIN, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 23CH1:24-cv-690-MA

SUMMONS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: HEIRS AT LAW OF LYNN J. NAQUIN, DECEASED

You have been made a Defendant in this suit filed in this Court by Emile J. Naquin, Jr., Administrator of the Estate of Lynn J. Naquin, deceased,

seeking judicial declaration of the heirs at law of Lynn J. Naquin, deceased. The Defendants other than you in this action are Nicole Rene Naquin and Jayme A. Moulton, who along with Emile J. Naquin, Jr. are alleged to be the sole heirs of the decedent.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. on February 19, 2025, in Chancery Courtroom 2 at the Harrison County Courthouse, 1801 23rd Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleadings, but you may do so if you so desire.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of office, this the 8th day of January, 2025.

Tiffany Lee Cowman, Chancery Clerk
By: s/Ashley Holland, D.C.
152 Main Street, Ste. A
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228) 467-5406

Publish Dates: 1/16/2025;
1/23/2025; 1/30/2025

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY LYNN LADNER, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 25-CV-00017-MA

UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MARY LYNN LADNER
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMONS:

TO THE HEIRS AT LAW OF Mary Lynn Ladner, and any and all persons or parties who are interested in or claim any right, title or interest as heirs-at-law of Mary Lynn Ladner, Deceased, in the estate including, but not limited to, the unknown heirs-at-law of Mary Lynn Ladner, if they be living and not to be found therein after diligent search and inquiry and whose places of residence, post office, and street and house addresses are unknown after diligent street search and inquiry to ascertain the same, and if dead, their unknown devisees, executors, administrators or legal representatives are not to be found after diligent search and inquiry, and whose places of residence, post offices, and street and house addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry to ascertain the same. You have been made Defendants in the estate proceeding in the Court by Lori L. Treitler and Clarence Joseph Ladner, III, in the Petition to Determine Heirs.

IF TO BE FOUND IN THIS COUNTY, to be and appear before the Honorable Judge Alfonso of the Chancery Court of Hancock County, at a Court to be held at the Courthouse in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi thereof on the 12th day of March 2025, 9:00 a.m., next, then and there to show cause, if any they can why Lori L. Treitler and Clarence Joseph Ladner, III should not be declared by the Court to be the heirs-at-law of Mary Lynn Ladner; and that the following persons are interested parties to this Petition as best can be determined by the Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry, to wit: Lori L. Treitler and Clarence Joseph Ladner, III; and to show why they should not be declared the sole heirs-at-law of the deceased; and further to do and suffer such things as shall be considered and ordered by the Court aforesaid in the premises, and have then and there this writ, with an endorsement thereon to the manner in which you shall have served.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR and defend against the Petition/Complaint filed against you in this action on the date and time as set forth hereinabove before the Honorable Judge Alfonso at the Chancery Court of Hancock County, located in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi; and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file answer or other pleadings, but you may do so if you desire by filing it in the office of the Chancery Court of Pearl River County and sending a copy of your answer to William Cruse, 1016 Sixth Ave., STE A, Picayune, Mississippi 39466.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court at Hancock, Mississippi, this the day of January 2025.

Tiffany Lee Cowman, Chancery Clerk
_____, D.C.

[SEAL]

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL RAY LADNER, DECEASED

C. A. NO. 24-cv-00684-MA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO THE CREDITORS OF

MICHAEL RAY LADNER, DECEASED:

Letters of Administration having been granted by the Chancery

Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 19th day of December, A.D., 2024, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Michael Ray Ladner, deceased, in Civil Action No.24-cv-00684-MA, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days after the first publication of this Notice to Creditors. A failure to probate and register claims within said time will operate to forever bar such said claims.

THIS, the 27th day of December, A.D., 2024.

s/ Leslie A. Ladner
LESLIE A. LADNER, Administratrix of the

Estate of Michael Ray Ladner, deceased

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL RAY LADNER, DECEASED

C. A. NO. 24-cv-00684-MA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO THE CREDITORS OF

MICHAEL RAY LADNER, DECEASED:

Letters of Administration having been granted by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 19th day of December, A.D., 2024, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Michael Ray Ladner, deceased, in Civil Action No.24-cv-00684-MA, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days after the first publication of this Notice to Creditors. A failure to probate and register claims within said time will operate to forever bar such said claims.

THIS, the 27th day of December, A.D., 2024.

s/ Leslie A. Ladner
LESLIE A. LADNER, Administratrix of the

Estate of Michael Ray Ladner, deceased

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL RAY LADNER, DECEASED

C. A. NO. 24-cv-00684-MA

CHANCERY COURT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION ON PETITION TO ADJUDICATE THE HEIRS-AT-LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF MICHAEL RAY LADNER, DECEASED

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF

MICHAEL RAY LADNER, DECEASED, under the provisions of §§91-1-27 and 91-1-29 of the MISS. CODE ANN. (1972) as revised and supplemented.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND COMMANDED TO PERSONALLY APPEAR BEFORE THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, MEETING IN VACATION IN CHANCERY COURTROOM 2 OF THE HARRISON COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, ON THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025, AT 9:00 OCLOCK A.M. TO RESPOND TO A PETITION TO ADJUDICATE THE HEIRS-AT-LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF MICHAEL RAY LADNER, DECEASED AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE RELIEF SOUGHT AND PRAYED FOR IN SAID PETITION SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT, THIS, THE 30th DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D., 2024.

TIFFANY LEE COWMAN, CHANCERY CLERK
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
152 MAIN STREET, STE. A
BAY ST. LOUIS, MS 39520 (SEAL)
By: s/ Bridgette Ladner, D.C.

Notice of Sale
Notice is hereby given that Diamondhead Storage, L.L.C., 4376 Leisure Time Dr., Diamondhead, MS 39525 will sell at private sale for cash the contents of units 87, Shane Sumrall.
The sale shall take place on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at Diamondhead Storage, L.L.C., 4376 Leisure Time Dr., Diamondhead, MS 39525

The Bay St. Louis Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on February 12, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bay St. Louis Conference Center located at 598 Main St., ph: (228)469-9121.

BELLAMARE DEVELOPMENT
Application for minor Site Plan Review for a convenience store and filling station with an attached coffee shop submitted by Bellamare Development. The property in question is located at 1083 HWY 90 and is identified on the Hancock County Land Rolls as Parcel No. 137F-2-26-009,000 (Legal Description: PT 88 J BOUQUIE CL (BUS) HWY 90) and Parcel

No. 137F-2-26-010,000 (Legal Description: PT 89 J BOUQUIE CL 26-8-14). The property is zoned C-3 Highway Commercial District.

ESTEVEZ - Application for Variance to the Zoning Ordinance submitted by Daniel Esteves. The applicant is planning on adding an addition to the residence. The applicant is requesting a variance of 3' resulting in a 5' setback to the side yard on the right side of the property. The property is located at 328 State Street. Parcel 149F-0-29- 330.002; PT 546 & PT 547 1ST WARD BSL. The property is zoned R-2 Two-Family District.

LAFRANCE - Application for Variance to the Zoning Ordinance submitted by Ivan and Jeannine LaFrance. The applicants want to construct a 10' privacy fence along the rear of the property line. The applicants are requesting a variance of 4' to the fence height requirement. The property is located at 200 St George Street. Parcel 149F-0-29-204.000; 1ST WARD 397, E 1/2 BAY ST. LOUIS AA6-615. The property is zoned R-3 Multi Family District.

LORONA CONSULTING AND CONTRACTING - Application for Variance to the Zoning Ordinance Submitted by Lorona Consulting and Contracting. The applicant is wanting to construct a dwelling. The applicant is requesting a variance of 15' resulting in a 10' setback to the front yard, and a variance of 5' resulting in a 15' setback to the rear yard. The property is located at 204 Caron Lane, Parcel Number 149N-0-30-146.000; 109B 4TH WARD BAY ST LOUIS. The property is zoned R-2 Two Family District.

Additional information for the above mentioned is available for review during the hours of 8a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at City Hall, 688 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis. Ph: (228)469-9121.
All interested parties are urged to attend.
CAITLIN BOURGEOIS
PLANNING AND ZONING SECRETARY

KILN UTILITY & FIRE DISTRICT
16154 Fire Department Road
P.O. Box 508 Kiln, MS 39556

Sewer Rates 2024

RESIDENTIAL
FIRST 2,000 GALLONS = \$40.00
OVER 2,000 GALLONS = \$40.00 + \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons over 2,000 gallons
Minimum Monthly Charge is \$40.00
Sewer Only = \$60.00 Flat Rate

COMMERCIAL
FIRST 2,000 GALLONS = \$65.00
OVER 2,000 GALLONS = \$65.00 + \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons over 2,000 gallons
Minimum Monthly Charge is \$65.00
Sewer Only = \$115.00 Flat Rate

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF Hancock
WHEREAS, on the 27th day of October, 2022, Spencer B Smith, unmarried, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, Trustee for U.S. Bank National Association, Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Deed of Trust Book 2022 at Page 31574; and

WHEREAS, on the 4th day of December, 2024 the Holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed Dean Morris, LLC as Substitute Trustee by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Deed of Trust Book 2024 at Page 28356; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 29th day of January, 2025, I will during the lawful hours of between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the front door of the Hancock County courthouse L, 152 Main Street, Suite A at the north facing front door at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, LYING AND BEING SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, TO WIT: PARCEL #1: BEGINNING AT THE SE CORNER OF THE NW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 14 WEST; THENCE RUNNING WEST 370 FEET; THENCE RUNNING NORTH 840 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF THE POPLARVILLE-LYMAN HIGHWAY, PRESENTLY KNOWN AS MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 53; THENCE RUNNING SOUTHEASTERLY TO A POINT WHERE SAID RIGHT OF WAY INTERSECTS THE EAST LINE OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4; THENCE RUNNING SOUTH 590 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 6 ACRES AND BEING PART OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 14 WEST, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

SUBJECT TO 1ST LIEN
I will only convey such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.
WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 18th day of December, 2024.
Dean Morris, LLC
Substitute Trustee
855 S Pear Orchard Rd., Ste. 404, Bldg. 400
Ridgeland, MS 39157
(318) 330-9020
adp/F24-0554
PUBLISH: 1-2-2025 / 1-9-2025 / 1-16-2025 / 1-23-2025

SECTION 00090
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

STENNIS TECH PARK PHASE II SITE PREP
Project No. AP2303

HANCOCK COUNTY PORT & HARBOR COMMISSION

Electronic or sealed Bids for construction of STENNIS TECH PARK PHASE II SITE PREP--Project No. AP2303 will be received by the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission, located at 14054 Fred & Al Key Road, Kiln, Mississippi 39556, until 2:00 P.M., Local Time, February 25th, 2025, then bids will be publicly opened and read. Any bids received after the time and date specified will not be considered and will be returned.

All bids must be addressed to the HANCOCK COUNTY PORT & HARBOR COMMISSION of Hancock County, Mississippi; marked SEALED BID TO OPENED AT 2:00 P.M., February 25th, 2025, and specify the name of the bid project. If bid is submitted by mail, the address of the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission is 14054 Fred & Al Key Road, Kiln, MS 39556. If bid is hand-delivered, the street address of the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission is 14054 Fred & Al Key Road, Kiln, MS 39556.

When bids are submitted electronically, the same requirements for submitting sealed bids shall apply. Electronic bids shall be submitted online at www.portairspacework.com and shall include a document on the first page stating the same language required on the face of the sealed envelope.

A pre-bid meeting for this project will be held on Thursday, February 13th, 2025, at 10:00 A.M., Local Time at the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission, located at 14054 Fred and Al Key Road, Kiln, Mississippi 39556. All prospective Bidders are invited to attend.

The project generally consists of:

Site development at Phase II of Stennis Tech Park, located to the east of Fred and Al Key Road and south of Stennis Airport Road. Work includes site clearing and grubbing; fill; grading; drainage; parking lots; water & sewer service tie ins; and stone access roads.

The above general outline of features of the work does not in any way limit the responsibility of the Contractor to perform all work and furnish all plant, labor, equipment, and materials required by the specifications and the drawings referred to therein.

The Contractor will commence the work required by the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS within 10 calendar days after the date of the NOTICE TO PROCEED and Final Completion of the project will be obtained within 180 working days of the NOTICE TO PROCEED date unless the period for completion is extended otherwise by the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

Bidder must be qualified under Mississippi Law and show current Certificate of Responsibility issued by the Mississippi State Board of Public Contractors establishing its classification as to the value and type of construction on which it is authorized to bid. Contractors submitting a written sealed bid must write their current Mississippi Certificate of Responsibility Number on the outside of the sealed envelope containing their Bid as well as on their Bid. If the Bid is being submitted electronically through the Online Plan Room, the Mississippi Certificate of Responsibility Number must be included on the cover page and profile of the electronic bid submittal.

Proposals shall be submitted in duplicate, sealed and deposited with the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission prior to the hour and date hereinbefore designated. No bidder may withdraw its bid within 90 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Each Bidder must deposit with his proposal, a Bid Bond in an amount equal to 5% (five) percent of its bid, payable to the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission, as bid security. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Payment Bond and Performance Bond each in the amount of 100 percent of the contract amount.

Contract Drawings, Contract Specifications, Instructions to Bidders and Bidders Proposal forms are on file and open to public inspection in the office of the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission, 14054 Fred & Al Key Road, Kiln, Mississippi. Bid documents are being made available via paper or digital copy. All interested bidders are required to log-in or register for an account at www.portairspacework.com to

view and order Bid Documents. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Bid documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through this website. Questions regarding website registration and online orders should be directed to Plan House Printing at (228) 248-0181. Any questions that bidders might have should be directed to Neel-Schaffer, Inc., 3036 Longfellow Drive, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 to the attention of Alex Davis or via email at alex.davis@neel-schaffer.com.

Minority and womens business enterprises are solicited to bid on this contract as prime contractors and are encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities, equipment, materials and/or supply needs.

Any contract awarded under this Invitation for Bids may be paid for in whole or in part with grant funding from the United States Department of the Treasury (Treasury) and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) under the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act).

Minority and womens business enterprises are solicited to bid on this contract as prime contractors and are encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities and equipment, material and/or supply needs.

All bidders must make positive efforts to use small and minority owned business and women business enterprises.

The Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged and women's business enterprises will be afforded the full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities therein.

By:
Blaine LaFontaine, Executive Director/CEO
Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission

DATES OF PUBLICATION:
January 23, 2025
January 30, 2025

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated February 11, 2014, executed by VERLON D SPIERS, JR. and JENNIFER L SPIERS conveying certain real property therein described to DENISE MCLAURIN, as Trustee, for Regions Bank d/b/a Regions Mortgage, Original Beneficiary, to secure the indebtedness therein described, as same appears of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi filed and recorded February 13, 2014, in Deed Book 2014, Page 2008; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was transferred and assigned to REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE; and WHEREAS, Rubin Lublin, LLC has been appointed as Substitute Trustee; and NOW, THEREFORE, the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee shall, on January 29, 2025 within the lawful hours of sale between 11:00AM and 4:00PM at the Front Door of the Hancock County Courthouse, 152 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to wit:

PARCEL #1: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SE1/4 OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 14 WEST, HANCOCK COUNTY MISSISSIPPI; THENCE WEST 770.0 FEET FOR THE PLACE OF BEGINNING OF THE LAND HEREBY DESCRIBED; THENCE WEST 210.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 47 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 54 SECONDS WEST 501.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 44 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST 120.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 49 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST 651.53 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; CONTAINING 1.71 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING LOCATED IN THE S1/2 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 14 WEST, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

PARCEL #2: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 14 WEST, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; THENCE WEST 1260.00 FEET

FOR THE PLACE OF BEGINNING OF THE LAND HEREBY DESCRIBED; THENCE NORTH 34 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 48 SECONDS WEST 306.65 FEET; THENCE NORTH 44 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST 120.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 47 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 54 SECONDS EAST 501.00 FEET; THENCE WEST 280.00 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; CONTAINING 1.50 ACRES, MORE OR LESS AND BEING LOCATED IN THE S 1/2 OF NE 1/4 OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 14 WEST, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 32162 DOGWOOD LN, POPLARVILLE, MS 39470. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Rubin Lublin, LLC
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PUBLISH: 01/02/2025,
01/09/2025, 01/16/2025,
01/23/2025

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILBUR JOSEPH NECAISE, DECEASED

NO. 24-677 (JP)

CHERYL A. NECAISE
ADMINISTRATRIX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration for the Estate of Wilbur Joseph Necaise, Deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 23rd day of December, 2024, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present their claims to the Clerk of said Court and to have them probated and allowed within 90 days from the date of the first publication of this notice, failure to do so will bar this claim.

THIS the 6th day of January, 2025.

CHERYL A. NECAISE
Administratrix

BY: /s/ Timothy L. Murr
TIMOTHY L. MURR (MSB# 3682)
Wise Carter Child & Caraway, P.A.
2510 14th Street, Suite 1125
Gulfport, MS 39501
(228) 867-7141

PUBLIC NOTICE
SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Fiscal Agent For
TWIN DISTRICTS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

WIOA YOUTH SERVICES PROVIDER
Program Year 2025

Southern Mississippi Planning & Development District (SM-PDD) is soliciting youth proposals for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The WIOA youth program primarily addresses the needs of youth with barriers to education, employment, and training in the Twin Districts Workforce Development Area (TDWDA). SMPDD requests proposals from organizations interested in being out-of-school youth service providers to fulfill the purpose and intent of WIOA. The following proposals are requested:

Out-of-School for counties: Clarke, Covington, Forrest, George, Greene, Harrison, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Kemper, Lamar, Lauderdale, Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Pearl River, Perry, Smith, Stone, and Wayne.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) will be available on SMPDDs website at www.smpdd.com/publications after 9:00 AM on Monday, January 27, 2025. Submission deadline for all qualified proposals is Friday, February 28, 2025 at 5:00 PM Central Standard Time.

A bidders conference is scheduled for 10:00am Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at the SMPDD Hattiesburg office located at 914 Sullivan Drive, Hattiesburg, MS 39401. The conference will also be hosted via Zoom, access available by email request.

For additional information and access to bidders conference Zoom meeting, please contact Patricia Morrison by e-mail only at pmorrison@smpdd.com.

SMPDD/TDWDA is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to those with disabilities. TTY/ TDD 1-800-582-2233



Classifieds

Continued:

136 Automobile

NOTICE

OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

The following vehicles listed below will be sold starting Feb. 3, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the location below:

TOW BIZ LLC
10016 Hwy. 603
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228)-493-4210

RED

1979 CHEVY CORVETTE
VIN# 1Z87895443633

01/23, 01/30/2025

NOTICE

OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

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Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228)-493-4210

BLUE

2000 GMC SONOMA
VIN# 1GTCS1956Y8199533

01/16, 01/23/2025

NOTICE

OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

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TOW BIZ LLC
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Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228)-493-4210

WHITE

DODGE CHARGER
VIN# 2B3KA43RX7H763237

01/16, 01/23/2025

NOTICE

OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

The following vehicles listed below will be sold on Feb. 7th, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. at the location below:

A&A Autobody & Paint LLC
1707 Firetower Rd
Kiln, MS 39556

2011 KIA SORENTO
VIN# 5XYKT3A1513G106529
2003 HYUNDAI TIBURON
VIN# KMHNN65F03U102363
2009 CHEVROLET IMPALA
VIN# 2G1WT57KX91167854
2006 TOYOTA TUNDRA
VIN# 5TBET341465554464

01/23 ; 01/30; 02/06/2025

NOTICE

OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

The following vehicles listed below will be sold starting Feb. 1st, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the location below:

MOSS TOWING
12130 Hwy. 603
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228)-467-5227

o **1995 GMC TOPKICK**
VIN# 1GDG6H1J6SJ513345

o **2012 INTERNATIONAL PROSTAR**
VIN# 3HSDJSJR6CN615713

o **2018 JEEP COMPASS**
VIN# 3C4NJCAB2JT226615

01/09, 01/16, 01/23/2025

NOTICE

OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

The following vehicle will be sold on Friday, Feb. 14th, 2025 at 10:00AM at the following location:

Dinkey's Auto Repair & Towing
4105 13th Street
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228)-305-0711

2000 FORD CROWN VICTORIA
VIN# 2FAFP71W1YX188628
2003 HYUNDAI ACCENT
VIN# KMHCG35C034266253
2020 TOYOTA CAROLLA
VIN# JTNCR4RBE8L3097767
2017 FORD FOCUS
VIN# 1FADP3F21HL264643

01/23, 01/30/2025



THE COMMUNITY
CALENDAR

JANUARY 25

• A benefit dinner for Ashton Bullock. Ashton, a courageous 20-year-old, is bravely battling rhabdomyosarcoma, a rare and aggressive form of cancer. He is currently undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatment. Ashton's strength and resilience inspire all who know him. The son of Stephen and Rochelle Oliver and grandson of Tracy and Sam Oliver, Ashton is hoping for some support from the community. A benefit dinner organized to help alleviate the financial burdens of his treatment and care. Your presence would be greatly appreciated. It will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Old City Hall, 300 South Second St., Bay St. Louis. Donation is \$15. Menu includes fish, chicken, smoked pork sandwiches, two sides, dessert and a soda. Anyone wishing to make a donation may contact Tracy Oliver at 228-304-7049 or email benefitashton@yahoo.com.

FEBRUARY 1

• The Hancock County Library System, Harrison County Library System, and The University of Southern Mississippi will present "Homegrown: A Writers' Exchange" A full day about writing, publishing, insights, creativity, books and "How To's" with more than 30 of the South's "most extraordinary writers." The event will be held at USM's Gulf Park Campus in Long Beach. For more information, visit www.hcls.info/homegrown.

• The Gulf South Bluegrass Festival will be held at the Lakeshore Community Center, 6440 Lower Bay Road, Bay St. Louis. The show starts at 1 p.m. Entertainment includes, Gospel Grass Revival, The Spring Chickens, Bluegrass Cartel, and Cody and Cole. Concessions on site. Bonafide guitar and repair vendor. No alcoholic beverages. Nearest camping: Buccaneer State Park and Silver Slipper Casino. For more information, call Annette Moran at 228-760-0475 or Kenny Dawsey at 601-916-6076.

FEBRUARY 2

• A private screening of "The Gulfside Assembly Story" will be held at The 100 Men Hall, 303 Union St.,

Bay St. Louis. It is an award-winning documentary presenting the history of Gulfside Assembly and its visionary leader. It will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. General admission tickets are \$20. Panel discussion and reception to follow. Sales support the mission of Gulfside Assembly.

FEBRUARY 8

• The 57th annual Krewe of Nereids Mardi Gras Tableau Ball (strictly formal) will be held at 8 p.m. at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum, 2350 Beach Blvd., Biloxi. Free, but tickets are required for entry. You're invited to join in the fun with the presentation of the 2025 royal court and beautiful tableau, and then afterwards, enjoy a wonderful dinner and dance. Formal attire required: Evening floor length gown and tuxedo required. No charge for viewing the ball tableau. For an invitation to the ball, contact info@thekreweofnereids.com. After party dance tickets are \$100 each.

For after party tickets, email supperdance@thekreweofnereids.com.

• Crosby Arboretum will host its 17th annual Forge Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children 12 and under, and \$4 for seniors / first responders / military. Metalworkers and vendors, including the Sugary Sweet Homestead, Scooter's Kitchen, Gulf Coast Coffee, and Kickin-Lickin BBQ will offer a variety of items for sale. Picayune Mayor Jim Luke will be on hand to sign his latest book, "Gateway to Picayune's Prosperity." A record number of metalworkers will be on hand, including The History Chanel's "Forged in Fire" season six champion, Seth J. Borries of Southern Long Beard Knives in Gautier. The arboretum is located at 370 Ridge Road in Picayune.

FEBRUARY 12

• In celebration of Black History Month, The Arts, Hancock County is showcasing African American culture through art this

February. The art exhibition and sale will highlight the impact of Black art on our society and our lives. The Arts, Hancock County invites you to participate in its 3rd annual Black Art Exhibition and Sale. Register at www.hancockarts.org. Prize money: 1st \$500; 2nd \$300; and 3rd \$200. The juried invitational is open to central Gulf Coast (Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana) artists 18 and older. Only original works created in the last five years and not previously shown at The Arts, Hancock County will be accepted. All forms of media are eligible including 3D, and video, with a limit of three pieces per artist for submission and consideration. All submissions will be reviewed based on the aesthetic and technical skills of the artist. All applicants will be notified regarding acceptance by Jan. 31. Accepted artwork must be delivered to Hancock Arts on Feb. 4-8 during the hours of operation.

FEBRUARY 15

• The Arts, Hancock County is hosting Foundations of Drawing with Rhonda Stephens. Adults from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Kids (ages 11+) 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. All materials included. It is a begin-

ner's drawing class and an opportunity to dive into the fundamentals of drawing and composition, build your skills, and explore your creativity. Learn more at www.hancockarts.org.

FEBRUARY 22

• The VFW Auxiliary 3253 car show fundraiser will be held at VFW Post 3253, located at 208 Third St. Registration is at 8 a.m. until noon on the day of the show. Registration fee is \$25. Participants voting. Dash plaques for first 50 vehicles to register. Awards at 1:30 p.m. Top 20 vehicle, top five trucks, best of show, and six specialty awards, John Parent award, 50/50 raffle, and other fun giveaways. Food, homemade desserts, and beverages will be available. Proceeds support veterans programs.

• The Krewe of Kids will host its annual parade on Dunbar Avenue at 11a.m.

Disclaimer:

Events featured on the calendar page are printed at no charge and space permitting. Submissions are limited to community, educational, churches and non-profit organizations. Please submit your calendar entries electronically — to cassandra@seacoast-echo.com.

Hancock County Tax Assessor / Collector Homestead Exemption Applications Accepted

Homestead exemption applications will be accepted from **January 3, 2025 through March 31, 2025**, office located at 854 Highway 90 Suite C., Applications must be filed in the Bay St. Louis office of Hancock County Tax Assessor between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. You must be living in your home on or before **January 1, 2025** to qualify for homestead exemption.

The property must be your primary residence in order to qualify.

The following information is needed to file your application.

- A) Warranty deed
- B) Cost of property
- C) Down payment amount
- D) License plate numbers for vehicles registered in Hancock County. **(All vehicles owned must be registered in Hancock County.)**
- E) If you are age 65 or older, proof of age is required
- F) If you are receiving 100% disability benefits, proof of your disability is required
- G) Is any part of the property rented
- H) Must have MS Driver's License and Social Security Number

You must refile your homestead exemption application if, on or before January 1, 2025 any of the following occurred

- A) You became over 65 on or before January 1, 2025
- B) You became 100% disabled service Connected veteran on or before January 1, 2025
- C) You acquired a new residence
- D) You acquired additional property that adjoins your homestead
- E) Your marital status changed (divorced, widowed, separated, etc.)

**If you have any questions please call
228-467-5727
Jimmie Ladner, Jr.
Tax Assessor/Collector Hancock County**

Aidan Rybar named a Mississippi State Luckyday Scholar and honored in pinning ceremony

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Aidan Rybar is among the new cohort of Mississippi State Luckyday Scholars recently honored in a pinning ceremony featuring MSU President Mark E. Keenum and the Board of the Luckyday Foundation.

Rybar is a freshman electrical engineering major from Diamondhead.

Established by the late Frank Rogers Day, the Jackson-based Luckyday Foundation provides scholarship funding of up to \$6,000 per year for a total of up to \$24,000 over four years to each student selected for the program. Luckyday Scholars are exemplary students with the goal of becoming college graduates who possess invaluable

leadership skills, a strong work ethic and a commitment to community stewardship. Applicants must have a minimum 3.5 high school GPA and participate in an intensive application process.

Luckyday Scholars are actively engaged in this holistic program, which includes a freshman-year seminar and mentoring, designated housing to encourage connections, and opportunities to grow as leaders through servant leadership programming. Participants commit to a minimum of 10 service hours per semester with a single agency, which enhances the program’s fundamental principles: scholarship, community, service and leadership.

William Carey University announces President’s and Dean’s list

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

William Carey University announces the undergraduate President’s and Dean’s List for the Fall 2024 Trimester. President’s List Scholars have a perfect 4.0 grade point average and Dean’s List Scholars must have at least a 3.5 grade point average; both lists require students to have no failing grade in any class. Students earning these recognitions are:

Bay Saint Louis -

President’s List: Benjamin Aaron Cappel, Ashley Corr Crawford, Lauren-Anne Lagasse, Paige Barbara Ramond Diamondhead - President’s List: Anna-Rachel Krebs, Rhyannon Morgan Tucker. Dean’s List: Kadence Marie Ladner, Brittany Morgan VanBurskirk

Kiln - President’s List: Jenna Lynae Garriga, Madelyn Brooke Ladner

Pass Christian - President’s List: Brittany Cuevas, Brennan Delos

George, Danielle Marie Ladner, Leah Marie Livings. Dean’s List: Gracie Ryanne Bloom, Anne Katherine Sartor, Nicole Swilley, Danielle Briana Walker

Perkinston - President’s List: Anna Lauren Couey, Eli Joseph Ladner, Heather Lampkin, Nathan Allen Long, Jenni Lea McGee, Kelli Leanne Page, Samantha Bailey Roberts, Faith Slade. Dean’s List: Amanda Leigh Corbett, Maggie Lyn Hickman

Grief Support: Help for the pain of losing a loved one

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

If you have lost someone you love, you know just how painful and unbearable the feelings are. If you are still suffering the pain of loss or know someone who is going through this, there is help. There is a 6-week Grief Support Group that will be meeting again beginning February 26, 2025. If the loss was recent, or even sometime in the past, it can be a helpful way to deal with the lingering emptiness, loneliness, and host of other feelings that accompany death.

Grief is a normal human experience. If you are in a relationship in your life, whether it is marital, parent/child, sibling, friendship, or committed partnership, you will experience grief if one of the persons die. Grief expresses itself in a vast number of ways. It may be very clear that you are in pain from the loss. It can affect sleep, appetite, work, mood, thinking, productivity, or other relationships. If you find yourself “off” since your loss, that may be the way you are doing grief.

Regardless, there are ways to soften the pain, and one of the most effective ways is to share the loss with others who are also going through grief. A grief support group provides a safe, confidential place to share individual memories, thoughts, and feelings

with others who understand your pain. As you listen to others in the group talk about their loss, it also has a healing effect for each member of the group.

Please consider joining this group that is being offered in the Diamondhead community. It is facilitated by experienced counselors who want to help you process your loss and move forward in a healthy and positive way.

The group will meet at St. Thomas Episcopal Church at 5303 Diamondhead Circle, across from the Diamondhead Community Center. They begin at 2:00PM on Wednesday, February 26th and will last for approximately an hour. Sessions are free to the participants. You can contact Cornelia (228.363.2211) or St. Thomas Episcopal Church (228.255.9213) for any questions.

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Ribbon Cutting



Photo courtesy of Hancock Chamber

The Hancock Chamber hosted a ribbon cutting for Bayside Technology Jan. 16th. They offer a variety of IT services including networking, disaster prep and recovery, computer repair, and more. They are located at 309 Reese St. in Bay St. Louis.

Bay St. Louis Little Theatre Reschedules Show Dates “Agnes of God”

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

The Bay St. Louis Little Theatre presents its season show “Agnes of God” by John Pielmeier. It is a taut, compelling show. The show was a Broadway and motion picture hit. The show won Tony awards and was nominated for three Academy Awards. The show opens on January 31, 2025. “Riveting, powerful, electrifying drama - the dialogue crackles.” -NY Daily.

A court-appointed psychiatrist is charged with assessing the sanity of a novice accused of murdering her newborn. The Mother Superior tries to keep

the novice away from the psychiatrist which raises further suspicions around the investigation. The plot raises many questions leading to a dramatic ending.

The cast includes Nancy Moynan, Shannon Wooten-Cole, and Cheryl Grace. It is directed by Gary Taylor. Lights and sound is managed by Michael Schultz and Kiernan Marrero.

Show dates and times are January 31, February 1,7 and 8 at 8pm, and February 2 and 8 at 2pm.

The Little Theatre is taking reservations now. Reservations can be made online at www.bsllt.org or by calling 228-467-9024.



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Flag Retirement Program

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home works with local residents and the veterans services organizations to properly retire any U.S. flag that has reached the end of its service. Our program is designed to honor our national heroes, our military veterans, and to give dignity to our American Flag when it is no longer worthy of display. We strive to see that each veteran being cremated has a flag. There is no charge for this service to our veterans.

According to the United States code, Title 4, Chapter 1, Subsection 8: "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

If you would like to honor a deceased veteran by donating an aged or worn flag to be properly disposed of, you may do so by delivering the flags to our funeral home located on the corner of Necaise Avenue and Main Street.

"We pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."



sports

THE SEA COAST ECHO



WHATEVER IS BITING



PHOTOS BY SONNYSCHINDLER
(left) **Stephanie Schindler** with one of her many redfish she tagged and released. (middle) **Sonny and Stephanie Schindler** with several nice redfish on New Years Day. (right) **Stephanie Schindler** reeling in another redfish.

BY SONNY SCHINDLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It is not uncommon to get the question, “ what is your favorite species to fish for”? My answer to this is very simple, I always reply, “whatever is biting”. I will fish for speckled trout, snapper, black drum, triple tail, tuna, flounder, sharks, even alligator gar with the same enthusiasm. I

just thoroughly enjoy FISHING. With that said, there is one thing I enjoy almost more than catching fish, and that’s finding a new spot to fish. I have made it a point recently to do more exploring, and it has paid off greatly over the last several years. Looking at maps, talking to our other guides, or just wandering around, looking for something

“fishy” has definitely made me a better fisherman. Truth be told, there are more strikeouts than home runs, but when it works out, it is a wonderful feeling. Take for example my first trip of January on New Year’s Day 2025. My wife Stephanie always gets the first trip of the year, and boy was it a good one. It was frigid, so we bundled up and

tucked the boat deep inside the marsh, to get out of the wind. There was one small ditch that I had been passing up for weeks that I just had to check out. The water was super low and the tide had just started rising. This is my favorite scenario to explore new areas, because you know exactly where you can and can’t get in and out of.

We must have checked a dozen points and drains before we found the right junction. We did not have a bite or see any signs of life until we found the right spot. When everything came together, it was one red fish after another until we got tired of reeling them in. Other than the cold, it was a near perfect day. My wife and I were able

to spend a fun and relaxing day together. We caught, tagged, and kept plenty of fish. Also, we started off the new year finding a new spot to fish! We hope everyone has a very safe and productive 2025 and that you all find some “new stuff” to fish as well.



BAY SPLITS WITH GREENE COUNTY, ROCKS TOP ST. PATRICK

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
STAFF WRITER

The high school basketball regular season is in the final few weeks before the respective division tournaments that determine seeding for the state playoffs.

BAY HIGH TIGERS

The Tigers (10-13, 1-4) dropped their game with Pass Christian 53-42 and Greene County 29-20. In the game against Greene County, the Tigers led early 4-3 in the first period and at intermission 13-9 before falling behind 22-18 in the third period en route to

the loss. Bay High head coach Kelton Thompson commented, “Greene County is an extremely athletic squad. Our players did a good job of handling their pressure and guarded well. Their zone defense kept us out of a groove on offense. This put pressure on our defense. We have two weeks left in the season and expect to improve.” Anthony Robinson led the Tigers with 8 points. The Lady Tigers (16-7, 5-0) beat Pass Christian 43-26 and Greene County 47-30 last week. In the game against Greene County, jumped out to a 14-11 lead in the first period and extended

that lead to 21-12 at halftime. Thompson stated, “We guarded very well tonight which led to our offensive output. This win kept us in the hunt for the top seed in the division tournament. We have to continue to play hard and guard well in these next couple of weeks to earn that top seed.” The Lady Tigers were led by Emmalee Coote with 12 points and Asiah Thompson with 14 points.

HANCOCK HAWKS

The Hancock Hawks (10-13, 1-2) beat George County 55-41 in a key di-

vision game and dropped their game with Picayune 52-48. The Lady Hawks (21-2, 3-0) beat both George County 54-22 and Picayune 59-29.

OUR LADY ACADEMY CRESCENTS

The Crescents (15-4, 4-1) defeated Perry Central 61-40 as Taylor Henley led the Crescents with 16 points and 15 rebounds followed by Leah Laporte with 16 points while Nichole Bradford and Valentina Mossy scored 11 and 10 points, respectively. Krissi Pavolini added 12 rebounds.

OLA lost to St. Patrick 48-35 with Taylor Henley leading the Crescents with 14 points and 15 rebounds while Valentina Mossy added 10 points.

SAINT STANISLAUS ROCK-A-CHAWS

The Rocks (13-6, 5-0) defeated Perry Central 43-23 and St. Patrick 49-36. In the St. Patrick win, the Rocks battled to a 11-11 tie at the end of the first and took a slim 23-21 lead at halftime. The score was tied again 29-29 at the end of three periods before SSC out-

scored the Irish 20-7 in the final period for the win. SSC head coach Daniel Grieves stated, “St. Patrick has a quality program and has for some time. It has taken us some time to get the program going in a new direction but the players are guarding well and progressing. In years past, we would have dropped a game like this but they are beginning to understand what it takes to gain a lead and maintain it. We have to keep progressing in that mindset.” The Rocks were led by Alan Gilliam with 22 points and Carter Macias with 10 points.

BAY SPLITS WITH PASS CHRISTIAN, ROCKS TOP PERRY CENTRAL & RESURRECTION

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
STAFF WRITER

The area high school soccer season enters the state playoffs next week with the state championship being played during the first weekend in February.

BAY HIGH TIGERS

The Tigers (13-3-1, 5-0) beat Poplar-

ville 4-0 and Pass Christian 4-1. The Lady Tigers (10-5-4, 5-1) beat Poplarville 2-0 and dropped a game with Pass Christian 3-2 in penalty kicks.

HANCOCK HAWKS

The Hawks (7-9-1, 3-3) lost to George County 4-1 and beat West Harrison 4-0 in two key division games. The Lady Hawks (8-8, 2-4) beat

George County 3-1 and dropped their game with West Harrison 1-0.

OUR LADY ACADEMY CRESCENTS

The Crescents (7-7-2) picked up two key division wins last week 10-0 over Perry Central and a win over North Forrest but scoring details were not avail-

able at press time.

SAINT STANISLAUS ROCK-A-CHAWS

The Rocks (13-1-1, 5-0) beat Perry Central 13-0, Resurrection 1-0 in a forfeit, and North Forrest but scoring details were not available at press time.

Hancock County Parade of Homes returns Saturday, March 29

New tour of properties available for sale will be presented in conjunction with Arts Alive festival under the theme “The Art of Living”

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Hancock Co., Miss. Jan. 20, 2025 – The Parade of Homes will return to Hancock County on Saturday, March 29th during the two-day annual ArtsAlive Festival. The Parade, which is free and open to the public, will feature homes for sale throughout Hancock County.

Managed through the Hancock Chamber Relocation Committee, the Parade of Homes was introduced in 2019 and held for a 2nd year in 2020. The 2020 event yielded an impressive reach of over 1 million people. According to the data from the first two years, most attendees

are from Louisiana, so the Chamber will partner with both local and New Orleans outlets to deliver a comprehensive campaign that includes print, digital, social media with the potential of reaching over 2 million people whose incomes, current home values and education levels are well above the regional median and whose age is below the regional median.

“We are leveraging technology, the best regional storytellers and multimedia partnerships to target people who are more likely not just to relocate but to also put down roots in our area, develop generational wealth and drive future property values in the

decades to come,” said Tish Williams, Executive Director of the Hancock Chamber.

The Parade of Homes will feature homes for sale at every price point for people in all stages of the home buying process, from first-time homebuyers to those upgrading or downsizing. Businesses that are part of the real estate industry are invited to participate as sponsors. Homebuilders, real estate agents and brokers, insurance brokers, title companies, and mortgage lenders will want to be a part of this promotion that is funded in part from a grant from Coastal Mississippi.

“Hancock County is

one of the fastest growing counties in Mississippi, and there are many reasons why like quality of life, our close proximity to New Orleans, and a vibrant community with plenty of things to do,” said Aissa Wiggins, Real Estate Agent at John McDonald Realty and Chairman of the Hancock Chamber Relocation Committee.

What’s different about the 2025 event is that it will be produced in conjunction with the Arts Alive Festival. In doing so, out-of-town attendees will get a better idea of the Hancock County lifestyle. They will experience our culture, hospitality and vibrant arts scene first-hand. Arts

Alive will serve as an orientation point for attendees who would like a face-to-face briefing at the “HancockMYHome Hospitality Tent” on the grounds of the historic Depot, sponsored in part by Gulf Coast Home, before heading directly to one of the property listings.

Information on how your business can be a sponsor of this event is now available online at <http://hancockmsmyhome.com>. Questions may be directed to the Hancock Chamber of Commerce at 228-467-9048.

Those touring the homes on March 29th will be invited to register onsite at each of the

homes. All registered attendees will be entered in the drawing for the grand prize giveaways valued at over \$2,500 and will get an extra entry for every home toured. Listings for homes on the tour will be available for viewing online in early March.

The Hancock Chamber Relocation Committee is dedicated to growing the number of primary and secondary homeowners in Hancock County by marketing the area’s assets and high quality of life. See <http://hancockmsmyhome> for the most complete relocation resources.

MSDH Spotlights Cervical Cancer Awareness, Prevention and Treatment

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, and the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) is highlighting the disease’s causes and the importance of early detection to save lives.

Cervical cancer is preventable yet often goes undetected until symptoms arise as the cancer spreads. There are about 11,500 new cases diagnosed each year in the United States, and about 4,000 women die of the disease, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Black women are 30 percent more likely to die of the disease than other women.

“Cervical cancer is often silent, which is why screening and early detection is key,” said Anna-Lyn Whitt, Director of Health Services. “MSDH seeks to advance health and protect all Mississippians by filling in gaps and offering screenings statewide.”

The main cause of cervical cancer is the human papillomavirus (HPV), a sexually transmitted disease that can be prevented with a vaccination as early as the teen years.

You can lower your risk of developing cervical cancer by following good health guidelines:

- Don’t smoke.
- Always use a condom during sex.

Delay the start of sexual activity until you are older.

Have fewer sexual partners.

Be screened regularly for cervical cancer.

Be vaccinated against HPV, the virus that causes most cervical cancer.

The Breast & Cervical Cancer program offers free screenings for women without insurance and the underinsured. “We aim to improve access to screening and detecting cancers when they are most treatable,” said Director Amy Gibbons.

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PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



BERNARDO SALVADOR
SAINT STANISLAUS

SOCCER PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

The boys' Soccer Player of the Week is SSC's Bernardo Salvador who tallied 5 goals and 3 assists in the Rocks' wins over Perry Central, Resurrection, and North Forrest.



CHLOE KNIGHT
BAY HIGH

The girls' Soccer Player of the Week is Bay High's Chloe Knight. Last week, Knight scored a goal in the Lady Tigers 2-0 win over Poplarville and both regulation goals and a penalty kick goal in a PK loss to Pass Christian.

BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

The girls' Basketball Player of the Week is Bay High's Emmalee Coote. Last week, she averaged 13 points, 7.5 rebounds, 2 assists, and 2 drawn charges in wins over Pass Christian and Greene County.



EMMALEE COOTE
BAY HIGH



sports SCHEDULE

- **THURSDAY 1-23-25**
- **Basketball:** Our Lady Academy at Pope John Paul II, 7 p.m.
 - **Soccer:** Bay High vs Pascagoula, 5:30 p.m./7 p.m.
 - **Soccer:** Our Lady Academy at Resurrection, 5:30 p.m.
 - **Soccer:** Saint Stanislaus vs Resurrection, 7 p.m.

- **FRIDAY 1-24-25**
- **Basketball:** Bay High vs Moss Point, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.
 - **Basketball:** Hancock at Long Beach, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.

- **TUESDAY 1-28-25**
- **Basketball:** Bay High vs Columbia, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.
 - **Basketball:** Hancock vs West Harrison, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.
 - **Basketball:** Our Lady Academy vs St. Patrick, 7 p.m.
 - **Basketball:** Saint Stanislaus at St. Patrick, 7:30 p.m.
 - **Soccer:** Our Lady Academy vs Sacred Heart, 5:30 p.m.

From Wildcat to Federal Prosecutor: Justin Kopf’s Story Started at PRCC

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

From his new hometown of Mobile, AL, PRCC alum Justin Kopf is doing what he can to make the southern section of Alabama safer as an Assistant United States Attorney. His story of dedication and achievement began at Pearl River Community College.

A Kiln native, Kopf was a Wildcat legacy when he stepped onto the Poplarville Campus in the fall of 2005. His father, former Superintendent of Education for the Hancock County School District David Kopf, and older sisters, Heather Kopf Cuevas and Kimberly Kopf King, had preceded him. His father served on the PRCC Board of Trustees for several years, including when Justin attended school.

OBTAINING A STRONG FOUNDATION AT PRCC

While he lived on campus as a member of the golf team on scholarship, his first semester was not the typical college experience as Hurricane Katrina raged through Poplarville leaving destruction in her wake. With considerable damage done by tornadoes, the campus was closed for a while.

Once the dust settled,

Kopf joined his fellow students as they returned to their studies, extra-curricular activities, and athletic events. He was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, traveled around Mississippi for competitions as a member of the golf team, joined the science club, played intramural sports, and was named to Who’s Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

“PRCC was special because it was close to home, the faculty and staff were kind and supportive, and the classes were small,” said Kopf. “The classmates and teammates I met at PRCC were wonderful, many of whom remain lifelong friends.

“As a whole, the faculty and staff cared about you being successful and achieving your goals. The smaller class sizes and engaging professors also made difficult subjects less intimidating than they would have been at a major university with hundreds of students in a class. At PRCC, I never felt like I was simply a number or a name in a classroom.”

Kopf stuck to a general studies program with the goal of attending the University of Mississippi for a bachelor’s degree in business administration. Upon graduation from PRCC, he transferred all

his credit hours and was awarded a scholarship as a Gamma of Mississippi Phi Theta Alumni Chapter. He continued at Ole Miss in law school, earning his Juris Doctor degree in 2013.

NURTURED BY ROLE MODELS

Kopf remembers all of the faculty and staff he interacted with on the Poplarville Campus as being very helpful. The faculty who impacted him for the better included Vice President for Planning and Institutional Research/Dean of Honors Institute (Poplarville) Dr. Jennifer Seal, then a mathematics instructor, and Instructor of History Dr. Stephen Black.

“Justin Kopf has been positively impacting others since enrolling at Pearl River Community College to build on the solid academic foundation he formed at Hancock High School,” said Seal. “As a community college student, Justin consistently demonstrated dedication and integrity instilled by his parents who served their community as educators.

“Now, as an accomplished attorney, he continues to display these qualities, making significant contributions to the legal field. I am so proud of his tremendous accomplishments as a man of strong character



Photo courtesy of PRCC Kiln native, Justin Kopf.

and as an Assistant U.S. Attorney”

Even before he arrived on campus, Kopf found role models to shape his academic career. Current PRCC Instructor of Biology James Royston was his biology teacher at Hancock High School. Kopf credits Royston’s challenging class as helping prepare him for college-level classes.

“Justin was a great student and was one of the students who kept me in teaching that first difficult year,” said Royston.

FROM LAW SCHOOL TO ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

Immediately after law school, Kopf worked as an Associate Attorney for the law firm of Owen,

Galloway, and Myers in Gulfport, Mississippi, for about a year and a half. He then spent about two and a half years as a law clerk for Judge Ceresa James of the Mississippi Court of Appeals. Next, he worked as a law clerk for about three years for Justice Josiah Coleman of the Mississippi Supreme Court.

Then, he made the leap to Assistant United States Attorney at the United States Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of Alabama. In this role, he prosecutes a variety of criminal cases, including immigration offenses, firearms offenses, narcotics crimes, and crimes involving fraud. Occasionally, he is tasked with civil cases

where the United States has been named in a lawsuit.

Kopf loves his job, finding it an honor and privilege to represent the United States in court.

“Being a federal prosecutor is one of the few jobs where your job can be boiled down to simply the phrase, ‘do the right thing’,” said Kopf. “Doing the right thing could mean prosecuting criminals and holding them accountable for breaking the law, working on behalf of crime victims so that justice can be done for them, or even declining to pursue criminal charges because the evidence does not support a prosecution. It is a truly fulfilling job, and I’m grateful for it.”

Kopf is thankful for the education path he chose and that PRCC was the start of his college career.

“I was able to grow and mature as a college student at PRCC,” said Kopf. “I learned about forming good study habits, which translated well and provided a strong foundation for more advanced courses during my junior and senior years. Since I am very close to my family, it was a huge benefit to be close to home and be able to return home most weekends.”

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